

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- ## Recommendation

1. That October 2017 be proclaimed as Hispanic Heritage Month;
2. That the Hispanic flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on October 14, 2017 for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page online.

No direct contribution

No direct impact

The Office of the City Clerk posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

To respond to the request received from the President and Founder of Fuerza Latina Community Services.

Correspondence was received from the Founder and CEO of Fuerza Latina Community Services on August 21, 2017.

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The proclamation and flag raising request meets the City's Proclamation and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of a municipality the City of Vaughan will fly at the Vaughan City Hall the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, or ethnic group or its representatives; and

If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter".

October is a significant month for the Hispanic community. Hispanic Heritage Month offers an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province. Fuerza Latina Community Services is a not-for-profit organization committed to empowering youth and their families by promoting well-being through sports, culture and support groups in Vaughan and surrounding areas.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community

Regional Implications

No direct implications

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 2017 be proclaimed as Hispanic Heritage Month, that the Hispanic flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on October 14, 2017 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Attachment

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Founder and CEO, Fuerza Latina Community Services

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)