

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

Item 15, Report No. 39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 21, 2017.

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**MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY  
GARNET A. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated November 7, 2017:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman

***Whereas**, the City of Vaughan recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah through a Menorah lighting ceremony, and*

***Whereas**, the official ceremony at City Hall is a significant event, and*

*Whereas, the official ceremony is scheduled for a time that severely limits the attendance of the Jewish community, and*

***Whereas**, as a result of the official closure of City offices in 2016, the Menorah lighting was held at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, and*

***Whereas**, the event at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre was very well attended by the community, and*

***Whereas**, many members of the community have requested that a City of Vaughan Menorah lighting ceremony take place at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on an annual basis, and*

***Whereas**, the celebration of Hanukkah takes place over 8 days and on each of those days, the Menorah is lit,*

***It is therefore recommended:***

- 1. That the annual official Menorah lighting ceremony continue to take place on an annual basis at City Hall, and*
- 2. That a second City of Vaughan sponsored Menorah lighting ceremony take place at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on an annual basis, with the appropriate support of staff to facilitate the event.*