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COUNCIL: <u>APRIL 19/17</u>
<u>CW</u> Rpt. No. <u>13</u> Item <u>26</u>

DATE: APRIL 11, 2017

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: BARBARA A. MCEWAN, CITY CLERK

RE: ITALIAN FLAG RAISING EVENT
COUNCIL, APRIL 19, 2017
ITEM 26, REPORT NO. 13 OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That the attached correspondence from the National Congress of Italian Canadians, dated April 10, 2017, formally requesting that the City of Vaughan proclaim June 2017 as Italian Heritage Month and requesting that an official flag raising ceremony be held at City Hall, be received.

Purpose

At the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2017, the Committee recommended that the City proclaim June as Italian Heritage Month as an annual event and hold a yearly flag raising event at Vaughan City Hall in accordance with the City's Proclamation and Flag Raising policies, subject to receiving a formal request from the National Congress of Italian Canadians. As directed by Committee, the attached correspondence is the formal request from the National Congress of Italian-Canadians.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara A. McEwan
City Clerk

Attachment

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April 10 2017

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Re: Italian Heritage Month ("IHM") Event Planning in partnership with the City of Vaughan (June 2017)

Please accept this letter on behalf of the National Congress of Italian Canadians – Toronto District (NCIC-TD), as our formal request to host the Italian Flag Raising event at Vaughan City Hall in June 2017. Silvana Tibollo, President of the National Congress of Italian Canadians – Toronto District spoke at the April 4, 2017 Vaughan Council Committee of the Whole meeting on this item and advised Council of the National Congress' interest in continuing to host the event in Vaughan.

In recognition of the passage of Bill 103 by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario on October 25th, 2010 declaring the month of June as Italian Heritage Month we would like to request the following.

1. An official flag raising ceremony and proclamation of June 2, 2017, and
2. Proposed exhibits at City Hall between June 1st – June 30th inclusive, featuring art exhibits from Canadian Artists of Italian heritage.

We will meet with staff to discuss the support needed, if any, from the City for the event.

Since 2012, NCIC – TD has successfully celebrated Italian Heritage Month at Vaughan City Hall and were pleased to have the support of the City of Vaughan. We hope to continue the collaboration and welcome the opportunity to work together again this year to promote and celebrate the diversity of the residents of Vaughan.

All activities are to be presented as a partnership with the City of Vaughan and we are most confident that a significant percentage of our community will participate.

Should you require further information and/or clarification please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly by telephone at 416-809-5424 or via email at stibollo@gmail.com. Trusting in a favourable response, we thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

Respectfully,

National Congress of Italian Canadians – Toronto District
Per:

Silvana Tibollo, President

Cc. Angela Palermo, Recreation Services