

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 21, 2015

**63. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST  
ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY**

(Addendum 1)

MOVED by Regional Councillor Di Biase  
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 21, 2015, be approved:

CARRIED

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk in consultation with the Director of Economic Development recommends:

1. That April 23, 2015 be proclaimed as "Israeli Independence Day";
2. That the Israeli Flag be raised on April 23, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. for the balance of that day at Vaughan City Hall; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

N/A

**Economic Impact**

N/A

**Communications Plan**

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**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the Director, Communications and Public Affairs/Consulate General of Israel.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

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“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”.

This year Israel is celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence. The proclamation and flag raising would raise awareness and officially recognize the contributions made by the Israeli Ontarians to the cultural, historical, social and economic life of our community.

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This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020 plan:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:  
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**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

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**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence received from the Director, Communications and Public Affairs/Consulate General of Israel dated April 1, 2015

**Report prepared by:**

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

(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.)

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk



April 14, 2015

To whom it may concern:

Please consider this as an official request to proclaim April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Israeli Independence Day. In addition, I request to have a flag raising on this day to celebrate Israel's 67<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. We hope to highlight the deep relationship between the State of Israel and the City of Vaughan as well as the large Israeli community residing within Vaughan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laura Grosman'.

Laura Grosman  
Communications and Public Affairs  
Consulate General of Israel, Toronto

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**CLERK'S DEPT.**

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