

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2015

**86. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH ("IHM")**

(Addendum 3)

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri
seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 19, 2015,
be approved:

CARRIED

Recommendation

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Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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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



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TORONTO DISTRICT

May 1, 2015

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Attention: City Clerk- City of Vaughan

Re: Italian Heritage Month ("IHM") Event Planning in partnership with the City of Vaughan (June 2015)

Please accept this letter on behalf of the National Congress of Italian Canadians-Toronto District (NCIC-TD), as our formal request to add, for consideration and approval, 2 proposals to the agenda of the upcoming Committee of the Whole.

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 seek the opportunity to review the following items with the Committee:

1. An official flag raising ceremony and proclamation on June 1, 2015 and
2. Proposed exhibits June 1st-June 30th inclusive, featuring art exhibits from Canadian Artists of Italian heritage

Last year, we celebrated a successful Italian Heritage Month 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 the City of Vaughan.

Subsequent to Committee approval, both resources and support needs from the City of Vaughan for each event will be discussed in detail.

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.

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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.

Sincerely,



Silvana Tibollo
President
NCIC-Toronto District