



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	DECEMBER 10, 2013 – COUNCIL
Title:	TRIBUTE TO NELSON MANDELA
Submitted by:	Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor

Whereas, the world mourns the passing of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela; and

Whereas, tributes from nations across the globe speak of his role as a champion for peace and reconciliation, his advocacy for human dignity and civil rights, and his achievements in support of fairness and democracy in the land of his birth and the world over; and

Whereas, he is remembered as much for his personal dignity and grace, as for his political accomplishments; and

Whereas, the City's Flag Raising/Half-Masting Policy, Policy No. 03.25, recites that the lowering of a flag is a well-recognized practice to honour and express a collective sense of sorrow in recognition of the death of a prominent public figure; and

Whereas, the Policy does not specify recognition of the death of a foreign dignitary; but does provide for direction to be given by the Mayor and/or Council for the lowering of flags in circumstances to be specified; and

Whereas, the Mayor has directed the City Clerk to lower flags at all City facilities including City Hall to half-mast on Tuesday December 10, 2013, in recognition of the official memorial service for Mr. Mandela; and

Whereas, Council is being requested to give direction to maintain the City's flags at half-mast through Sunday December 15, 2013, the date of Mr. Mandela's funeral; and

Whereas, other recognitions of Mr. Mandela's passing may be appropriate.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That City of Vaughan flags remain lowered to half-mast through Sunday, December 15, 2013 in recognition of the passing of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela;
2. That the Vaughan African Canadian Association be authorized to set up a Book of Condolences at City Hall for residents to share their thoughts and reflect on the life of Mr. Mandela; and
3. That Council observe a moment of silence at its meeting today in recognition of this profound loss.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor