

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017**

Item 17, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST  
YOM HA'ATZMAUT (ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY)**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 4, 2017:**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

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2. That the Israeli flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on May 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

No direct contribution

**Economic Impact**

No direct impact

**Communications Plan**

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**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the Consulate General of Israel.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

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**Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)**

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

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**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

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**Attachment**

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**Report prepared by:**

Shari Gouzvaris, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services

(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,

Barbara A. McEwan  
City Clerk



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CLERK'S DEPT.

February 22, 2017.

Clerk Jeffrey A. Abrams  
Office of the City Clerk  
Vaughan City Hall  
Level 100  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Dear Clerk Abrams:

Please consider this letter as a formal request to use Vaughan City Hall's courtesy flag pole on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut or Israel's Independence Day. We would like the flag raising to take place at 2:30 PM.

There will be a ceremony as part of the flag-raising, which will include the singing of both Canadian and Israeli national anthems, remarks from the Mayor and Councillors (if they are available), remarks from the Consul General of Israel, along with other notable individuals. The total length of the ceremony will be approximately 30 minutes. We will need a lectern and microphone for the ceremony.

I appreciate your taking the time to review this request and to bring it before Council on behalf of the Consulate General of Israel.

If you require further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Consulate General of Israel  
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