

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 26, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017, as follows:

By approving the following recommendation contained in Communication C7, from the City Clerk, dated April 11, 2017:

- 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.***

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ITALIAN FLAG RAISING EVENT

(Referred)

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) 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; and**
- 2) That the deputation by Ms. Silvana Tibollo, National Congress of Italian Canadians Toronto District, Falstaff Road, Toronto, be received.**

Recommendation

Council, at its meeting March 21, 2017, adopted the following recommendation (Item 20, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 10):

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2017.

Committee of the Whole meeting of March 7, 2017:

This matter was forwarded to the Council meeting of March 21, 2017, without recommendation.

Members Resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua and Councillor Iafrate, dated March 7, 2017

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC, Mayor and Councillor Marilyn Iafrate.

Whereas, the month of June has been declared by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, Italian Heritage Month;

Whereas, a motion to declare June as National Italian Heritage Month is being considered by the House of Commons for implementation in June 2017 in the same year as we celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan has in past years proclaimed June as Italian Heritage Month and has celebrated this event through a flag raising event in accordance with the City's Flag Raising and Proclamation Policies which have defined eligibility criteria on such events, including facilities and services to be provided in accordance with such events;

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Whereas, the Italian-Canadian community represents a large segment of Vaughan's rich cultural heritage and diversity and the City's Flag Raising Policy allows for the following: " In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of a municipality, the City of Vaughan will fly at the City Hall the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion";

It is therefore recommended:

1. 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; and,
2. That the City Manager direct the appropriate Staff to form a working committee to help organize and support the event to be held on a date to be determined in June; and,
3. That Council appoint Ward 1 Councillor Marilyn lafrate as the Chair of the Working Committee; and,
4. That community partners and organizations be invited to sit on the working committee to help contribute to the event as determined appropriate.

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Communication
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

Sent Via Email: Clerks@vaughan.ca

Barbara McEwan, City Clerk
City of Vaughan
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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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 4, 2017

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