

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2013

Item 7, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 23, 2013.

**7 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
FILIPINO DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 9, 2013:

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture recommends:

- 1) That Sunday, June 9, 2013 be proclaimed “Filipino Day” to commemorate the 115th anniversary of Philippine Independence;
- 2) That the Philippine Flag be raised on Sunday, June 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. for the balance of that day at Vaughan City Hall;
- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online;
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Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact related to this item as all overtime costs associated with the event will be charged to the user.

Communications Plan

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The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to a matter within the City's jurisdiction. The City of Vaughan signed a Friendship Agreement with Baguio City, Philippines in October 1997.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

- Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

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Attachments

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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



Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan

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March 11, 2013

Mr. Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ont., L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Abrams:

On behalf of the Filipino Day Planning Committee, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag to commemorate the 115th Anniversary of Philippine Independence on Sunday, June 9, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., Vaughan City Hall. As well, I would like to request that Sunday, June 9 be proclaimed "Filipino Day". This day is one of the most significant dates in the Philippine history as we pay tribute to our forefathers who fought for our freedom.

Every year, as we celebrate the Philippine Independence Day, we raise the Philippine flag in Toronto, Mississauga, Markham, Brampton, Barrie and other cities. Last year, "Filipino Day" was proclaimed in the City of Vaughan and the Philippine flag was raised to celebrate the Philippine Independence Day. This year, we would like to do it again. It should be noted that the City of Vaughan is a twin city of Baguio, Philippines.

Following the flag raising, I would like to request permission to use the Multi-Purpose Room and Courtyard for program, entertainment and lunch (Filipino food) provided by the members of the Planning Committee (Philippine Heritage Band, BIBAK, First Filipino Society of Vaughan, Filipino Seniors Club, Scarborough Ontario Seniors Association and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan). Appropriate fees will be paid for overtime staffing costs. I would like the event to end at 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter & I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Erlinda Insigne

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President

.cc: Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor City of Vaughan
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