

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013

Item 2, Report No. 19, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 14, 2013.

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PROCLAMATION REQUEST AHMADIYYA DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 30, 2013:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 18, 2013 be proclaimed as “Ahmadiyya Day”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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Purpose

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Background - Analysis and Options

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Service Excellence

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Regional Implications

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Attachments

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Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to 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



AHMADIYYA
MUSLIM JAMA'AT
Vaughan, Canada

*Muslims who believe in the Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
and promote 'Love for All. Hatred for None'*

Attachment 1

Request for Proclamation of Ahmadiyya Day in Vaughan

**Event: Opening ceremony and inauguration of Ahmadiyya Mosque in
Vancouver**

**Opening performed by His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Worldwide Head of the
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at.**

We the local Vaughan Ahmadiyya community would like to request a Proclamation to declare **May 18th as Ahmadiyya Day** in recognition of the opening of the Vancouver Mosque – Baitur Rahman (House of the Gracious God).

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Vaughan branch has been organizing yearly interfaith events promoting Interfaith Harmony in the local community. The events have invited local religious leaders from the Jewish, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian faith as well as, Councilor's from various townships to participate in an effort to share the common heritage of major world religions.

The Ahmadiyya community moto is Love for All Hatred for None. This slogan is practiced by millions of the members of the community in their daily lives and interaction with fellow beings under all situations and scenarios.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at is the foremost Islamic organization with a central spiritual leader. It's fifth and current spiritual head, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, resides in the United Kingdom. Under the leadership of its spiritual successors, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at has over 15,000 mosques, over 500 schools, and over 30 hospitals serving humanity. It has translated the Holy Qur'an into over 70 languages. It propagates the true teachings of Islam and the message of peace and tolerance through a twenty-four hour satellite television channel (MTA), the internet (alislam.org) and publications (Islam International Publications). The Ahmadiyya community has also been at the forefront of worldwide disaster relief through an independent charitable organization, Humanity First.

A number of members from Vaughan and throughout Canada will be in Vancouver to attend the opening ceremony and will be representing the Vaughan Branch at the inauguration.

We the members of Vaughan Branch and residents of Vaughan hereby request the Council of the City of Vaughan to declare May 18 as Ahmadiyya Day to commemorate the occasion and mark the auspicious visit of His Holiness to Canada.

Peace & Blessings,

Members of Local Branch of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Vaughan

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