

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2017

Item 12, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 16, 2017.

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PROCLAMATION REQUEST
GREEK PONTIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 2, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

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2. 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

The Office of the City Clerk posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Council – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

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Regional Implications

No direct implications

Conclusion

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Attachment

Attachment Correspondence from the Hellenic Canadian Federation of Ontario Charitable and Educational Foundation

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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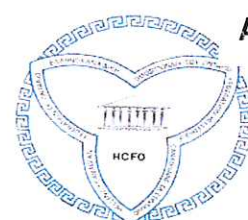
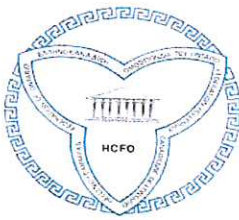
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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. McEwan
City Clerk



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Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
Vaughan City Hall
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua,

May 19, 2017 marks the 103 Anniversary of the Greek Pontian Genocide by the Ottoman Turks. The Greek Pontian Genocide is one of the darkest moments in mankind's history and one of the heinous crimes against humanity. This heinous crime was the precursor to the Holocaust committed by the Nazis against Jews, Roma and other peoples during the Second World War.

The Greek Pontian Genocide is a forgotten genocide that has been pushed to the sidelines by the Cold War and the geopolitics in the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean. Over 350,000 Greek Pontians were exterminated on orders from the Ottoman and Kemalist governments while the international community stood idle.

Like the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust, these acts against humanity should be recognized and remembered. Last year the cities of Toronto and Ottawa issued proclamations.

We are asking you, Mr. Mayor, and City Council to do the same this year and proclaim May 19th, 2017 as GREEK PONTIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY in the City of Vaughan.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact us at 647-216-3264.

We are looking forward to a positive response

Sincerely yours,

George Manios
President