

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015

Item 2, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 23, 2015.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (UJA) WEEK**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 2, 2015:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That the week of September 6 to September 12, 2015 be proclaimed as "United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Week"; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Council" – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request from the Associate Director of Ontario Government Relations, The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

Background - Analysis and Options

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to citizens
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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



April 30, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Abrams
Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario

Dear Mr. Abrams,

I am writing on behalf of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to respectfully request that the City of Vaughan Council proclaim the week of September 6 to September 12, 2015 "UJA Week". That week will mark the launch of their annual campaign on September 10, 2015.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is the city's principal Jewish community organization, responsible for fundraising, allocations to dozens of non-profit agencies, planning and community development. UJA Federation touches the lives of virtually every Jewish community member in the Greater Toronto area. The activities of UJA Federation and its affiliated agencies include support for the vulnerable, nurturing shared values with Canadians of all backgrounds and faiths, combating anti-Semitism and racism in all its forms, revitalizing Jewish community structures and services, fortifying Jewish identity and fostering strong ties with Israel.

We are most grateful for your consideration of our request that the City of Vaughan Council proclaim the week of September 6 to September 12, 2015 "UJA Week".

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Adler
Associate Director Ontario Government Relations
The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs

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