

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013**

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## Recommendation

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- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

N/A

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**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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- Preserve our Heritage and Support Diversity, Arts and Culture

**Regional Implications**

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**Conclusion**

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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.)

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 11, 2013**

### **PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY**

#### **Recommendation**

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#### **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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The flag raising request meets the City’s Flag Raising/Half-Masting Policy, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk



April 30, 2013

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City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
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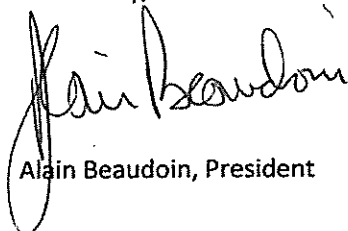
Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

*"L'Association des francophones de la région de York" (L'AFRY) is proud to celebrate in a special way the anniversary of the arrival of Étienne Brûlé and the presence of francophones in York Region. We would appreciate if the Franco-Ontarian flag could be raised at the Administrative Centre and a proclamation be issued for Franco-Ontarian Day, on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This historical celebration of the flag is a very important event for all Franco-Ontarians in the province and your municipality. We are very proud that our flag has been officially recognized by Queen's Park on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001.*

For the record, the Government of Ontario released a statement on April 26, 2010 that *"The Franco-Ontarian Day Act adopted unanimously by the Legislative Assembly proclaims September 25 of each year as Franco-Ontarian Day. This Day will, every year, officially recognize the contribution of Ontario's Francophone community to the cultural, historical, social, economic and political life of the province."*

Several of the region's municipalities did agree to raise our flag and issue a proclamation last year and we are hopeful that the city of Vaughan will also commit to doing the same this year. It would be our pleasure to deliver a flag on simple request. Please feel free to contact Mona Babin by phone at 905 727-4631 ext. 76550, or by email at [afrycomite@yahoo.ca](mailto:afrycomite@yahoo.ca).

Yours truly,



Alain Beaudoin, President

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**MAY 10 2013**

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