

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017

1 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 20, 2017, be approved; and
- 3) That the following deputations be received:
 1. Ms. Sejal Gajjar, WEConnect Community Services, Bachman Drive, Maple; and
 2. Mr. Rahul Pandey, WEConnect Community Services, Bachman Drive, Maple.

1. That August 15, 2017 be proclaimed as India Independence Day;
2. That the Indian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on August 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

No direct impact

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India became an independent nation on August 15, 1947. Celebration of this day is meaningful for the members of the South Asian community in Vaughan and York Region; it is a day that they pay homage to their leaders and those that fought for India's freedom.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that August 15, 2017 be proclaimed as India Independence Day, that the City of Vaughan participate in the flag raising ceremony on August 12, 2017, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Attachment 1

1. Correspondence from the Vice President, WEConnect Community Services, dated April 11, 2017

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.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**JUNE 20, 2017****PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST**
INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That August 15, 2017 be proclaimed as India Independence Day;
2. That the Indian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on August 12, 2017 at ~~11:00 a.m.~~ 1:00 p.m. for the balance of the day; and
3. 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

To respond to the request received from the Vice President, WEConnect Community Services.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from the Vice President of WEConnect Community Services on April 11, 2017

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. McEwan
City Clerk



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April 11, 2017

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CLERK'S DEPT.

Attention: City Clerk- City of Vaughan

Re: Celebration of India Independence Day Event on August 12, 2017

Please accept this letter on behalf of WEConnect Community Services as our formal request to have an official Flag Raising ceremony for India's Independence Day on August 12, 2017 at 1:00pm. The flag raising ceremony will be for one hour with a reception to follow in the multi-purpose room & the Atrium.

India celebrates Independence Day on August 15 each year. India became an independent nation on August 15, 1947. It is a day when people of India pay homage to their leaders and those who fought for India's freedom in the past.

India's Independence Day, one of the three national holidays in India *and* is observed in all Indian states and union territories. Flag hoisting ceremonies and cultural programs take place in governmental and non-governmental institutions throughout the country.

Statistics show that Vaughan and surrounding areas consists of over 35 000 South Asian community members. It would be a great privilege for the members of the Vaughan community to celebrate the raising of the Indian flag at Vaughan City Hall.

In recognition of India Independence Day we are requesting to hold:

1. An official flag raising ceremony for India Independence day on August 12, 2017 at 1:00pm with a reception to follow in the Multi-purpose room at Vaughan City Hall.
2. Cultural Entertainment segment and exhibition in the Atrium as part of the reception.

At the flag raising at City Hall, our invited delegates will unfurl India's flag and hold a speech in the presence of Vaughan City Council, invited guests and community members. During the flag raising celebration, there will playing Indian patriotic songs for the community members. We will



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have media presence and outreach strategy to promote the celebration of India's Independence Day for the first time in Vaughan. We would like to coordinate some visuals to be shown in the Multi-purpose room to the community members while they enjoy the celebrations and refreshments during the event. During the reception we would also like to hold a cultural entertainment segment with renowned performers in the Atrium of Vaughan City Hall. There will also be a few booths set up with vendors selling Indian handy crafts and art pieces. Guests will be able to mingle inside the multi purpose room and they can also enjoy cultural performances in the Atrium.

All activities are to be presented as a partnership with the City of Vaughan and we are most confident that a significant percentage of our community will participate.

Should you require further information and/or clarification please feel free to contact us at 647-822-2224 or via email at info@weconnectcs.com

We thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

Respectfully,

Sejal Gajjar
Vice-President
WEConnect Community Services.