

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016

Item 46, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2016.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
CHINESE NATIONAL DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 21, 2016:

Recommendation

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1. That October 1 – 8, 2016 be proclaimed as “Chinese National Day” week;
2. That the People’s Republic of China flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on October 2, 2016 at 3:00 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

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 request meets the City’s Flag Raising Policy, as follows:

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Report prepared by:

Julia Bartolomeo, Secretary 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,

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June 8, 2016

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RE: Request for Chinese Flag Raising Ceremony

Dear Mr. Abrams:

On behalf of the Federation of Chinese Canadians of Vaughan and York Region (FCCV and FCCYR), I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the flag of the People's Republic of China at Vaughan City Hall on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949 and this day marks the country's National Day for Chinese people around the world. For a number of years FCCYR has celebrated China's National Day in October with a number of flag raising ceremonies across York Region. This year, we would like to bring the flag raising ceremony into Vaughan as well, and the Consul General of the People's Republic of China will be joining us in York Region on October 2 for the various flag raising ceremonies.

Following the flag raising ceremony, I would like to request permission to use the Multi-Purpose Room to host an afternoon Chinese tea. The tea will be hosted by FCCYR. On behalf of FCCV and FCCYR, I thank you and I look forward to a favourable response on this request.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ken Ng
Chairman, FCCYR

cc Councillor Sandra Racco



Frank Scarpitti
Co-Chair
Mayor,
Town of Markham



Sandra Yeung Racco
Co-Chair
Councillor,
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