

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Item 4, Report No. 33, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 25, 2012.

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FLAG RAISING REQUEST FRANCO-ONTARIAN FLAG

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 4, 2012:

Recommendation

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- 1) That the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall for Franco-Ontarian Day, on September 25th, 2012.

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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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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



May 31st, 2012

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario, L4G 6J1

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

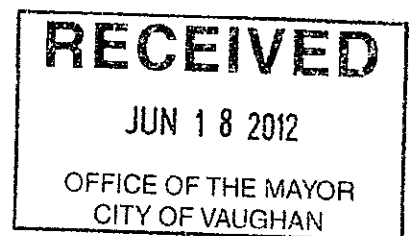
"L'Association des francophones de la région de York" (L'AFRY) is proud to celebrate in a special way the anniversary of the arrival of Étienne Brûlé and the presence of francophones in York Region. We would appreciate if the Franco-Ontarian flag could be raised at the Administrative Centre for Franco-Ontarian Day, on September 25th. 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 21st, 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 last year and we are hopeful that the Region of York will also commit to raising our flag 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.

Yours truly,

Alain Beaudoin, President



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