

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2018

Item 21, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 23, 2018.

21 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST - FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY 2018

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 8, 2018:

Recommendations

1. That September 25, 2018 be proclaimed as Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on September 25, 2018 for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the following report have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Item:



Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, May 08, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY**

FROM:

Todd Coles, City Clerk

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

Staff is recommending that September 25, 2018 be proclaimed as “Franco-Ontarian Day”, that the City raise the Franco-Ontarian flag on September 25, 2018 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation and flag-raising request received from the Coordinator of L’Association des francophones de la region de York Inc. (l’AFRY)
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested for September 25, 2018

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Background

Correspondence was received from the Coordinator of L'Association des francophones de la region de York Inc. (l'AFRY) on March 6, 2018.

This request was previously granted by Council.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Item 2, Report No. 26 of the Committee of the Whole - Proclamation and Flag Raising Request Franco-Ontarian Day](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation 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: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdictions or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

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The historical celebration of the Franco-Ontarian flag is an important event for Francophones. It is a special way to commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of Etienne Brule, as well as recognize the contributions of Ontario's Francophone community.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

L'AFRY focuses a spotlight on the Francophone community in the Regional Municipality of York.

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For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk

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Prepared by

Julia Bartolomeo, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services, x8280

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City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.,
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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 25th**. This historical celebration of the flag is a very important event for all Franco-Ontarians in the province and your city. We are very proud that our flag has been officially recognized by Queen's Park on June 21st, 2001.*

Today, after four centuries of evolution, Ontario's francophone community includes 582,690 people, or 4.8% of the total population of the province (according to Statistics Canada 2006 census). It is the second largest Francophone community in Canada, after Quebec.

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 town and cities did agree to raise our flag last year and we are hopeful that the City of Vaughan will also commit to raising our flag and issuing a proclamation again this year. It would be our pleasure to deliver a flag on simple request. Please feel free to contact me by email at coordination@afry.ca.

Yours truly,

Nathalie L. Peththawadu

Coordinator



Le 23 février 2018

Monsieur le Maire.
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.,
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Monsieur le Maire et Membres du conseil municipal,

*L'Association des francophones de la région de York (L'AFRY) est heureuse de souligner à sa manière l'anniversaire du passage d'Étienne Brûlé et la présence des francophones dans notre région. Nous apprécierions si vous pouviez hisser le drapeau franco-ontarien au mât du Centre administratif et faire une proclamation pour souligner le Jour des Franco-Ontariens et Franco-Ontariennes, le **25 septembre** prochain. La célébration historique du drapeau franco-ontarien est très importante pour tous les francophones de la province et de votre ville. Nous sommes fiers que notre drapeau ait reçu une désignation officielle de la part de l'Assemblée législative de l'Ontario le 21 juin 2001.*

Aujourd'hui, après quatre siècles d'évolution, la communauté francophone de l'Ontario dénombre 582 690 personnes, soit 4,8 % de la population totale de la province (selon le recensement de 2006 de *Statistique Canada*). Elle constitue la deuxième plus importante communauté francophone au Canada, après le Québec.

À titre de référence, le communiqué officiel du gouvernement de l'Ontario du 26 avril 2010 déclarait que '*La Loi sur le Jour des Franco-Ontariens et des Franco-Ontariennes adoptée à l'unanimité par l'Assemblée législative proclame le 25 septembre de chaque année comme Jour des Franco-Ontariens et des Franco-Ontariennes. Chaque année, ce jour reconnaîtra la contribution de la communauté francophone de l'Ontario à la vie culturelle, historique, sociale, économique et politique de la province.*'

Plusieurs villes de la région ont accepté de hisser notre drapeau et faire une proclamation l'année passée et nous osons espérer que la ville de Vaughan pourra elle aussi s'y engager encore une fois cette année. Si vous désirez un drapeau, nous aurons le plaisir de vous le livrer. N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi par courriel à coordination@afry.ca.

Recevez, Monsieur le Maire et chers Membres du conseil municipal, mes salutations distinguées.

Nathalie L. Peththawadu

Coordonatrice