

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday June 7, 2022

TITLE: JRCC OF WOODBRIDGE MENORAH LIGHTING

FROM:

Regional Councillor Linda Jackson
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

Whereas, the City of Vaughan recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah through a Menorah lighting ceremony; and

Whereas, the first night of Hanukkah will take place at nightfall on December 18th, 2022 and consecutively be lit for the eight-day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, commemorating the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, to symbolize the miracle; and

Whereas, many members of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Woodbridge have requested that the Menorah be displayed to provide a visual symbolism and celebration for the community; and

It is therefore recommended:

1. That staff support the request for the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Woodbridge to hold their Menorah Lighting Ceremony.
2. That the Menorah Lighting Ceremony organized by Jewish Russian Community Centre of Woodbridge be held on one of the 8 nights of Hanukkah in December 2022; and

3. That the Menorah structure be placed and lit at Chatfield District Park, with the appropriate support of City of Vaughan staff, including but not limited to, assisting with the set-up of the Menorah if required.
4. That staff investigate the possibility of locating the Menorah closer to Chatfield Dr or Lawford Rd if the appropriate underground utilities are available and with the appropriate setbacks for safety.
5. That the City of Vaughan will honour this commitment annually should the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Woodbridge wish to hold the Menorah Lighting Ceremony annually at the Chatfield District Park.