

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018

Item 27, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 19, 2018.

27 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 5, 2018, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation by Ms. Sejal Gajjar and Mr. Rahul Pandey, WeConnect Community Services, Bachman Drive, Maple, be received.**

Recommendations

1. That August 18, 2018 be proclaimed as India Independence Day in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the Indian flag be raised at 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2018 at City Hall for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Item:



Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 05, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY**

FROM:

Todd Coles, City Clerk

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

Staff is recommending that August 18, 2018 be proclaimed as “India Independence Day” in the City of Vaughan, that the Indian flag be raised at 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2018 at City Hall for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from the Vice-President of WEConnect Community Services.
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested for August 18, 2018.

Recommendations

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2. That the Indian flag be raised at 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2018 at City Hall for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Vice-President of WEConnect Community Services on April 9, 2018 making the request.

This request has been previously granted by Council.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Item 1, Report No. 26 of the Committee of the Whole - Proclamation and Flag Raising Request for India Independence Day 2017](#)

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

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the municipality the City of Vaughan will fly at the Civic Centre the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, or ethnic group or its representatives."

India's Independence Day is one of three national holidays in India and is observed in all Indian states and union territories. The City of Vaughan and surrounding areas consist of thousands of members of the South Asian community. The celebration of this day in Vaughan would be meaningful to this community.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that August 18, 2018 be proclaimed as India Independence Day in the City of Vaughan, that the City of Vaughan raise the Indian flag at 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2018 at City Hall for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be

posted on the City Page Online.

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

Attachments

1. Correspondence from the Vice-President of WEConnect Community Services, received on April 9, 2018

Prepared by

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