

Item:



Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 05, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

FROM:

Todd Coles, City Clerk

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim September 23 – 29, 2018 as Rail Safety Week, that the CN flag is raised at City Hall on September 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. for the balance of Rail Safety Week, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request from the Manager, Public Affairs Ontario of CN Railway, received on April 25, 2018
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested during the week of September 23 – 29, 2018

Recommendations

1. That September 23 – 29, 2018 be proclaimed as Rail Safety Week;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising event on September 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. for the balance of Rail Safety Week.; and,
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City Page Online.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Manager, Public Affairs Ontario of CN Railway on April 25, 2018 in the Office of the City Clerk, requesting a proclamation and flag raising.

The proclamation request was previously granted by Council. The flag raising ceremony is a new, added request from the organization.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Item 20, Report No. 18 of the Committee of the Whole - Proclamation Request Public - Rail Safety Week](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation request 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".

Rail Safety Week is an important week during which messages about crossing safety and trespass prevention are communicated to millions across North America.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The City of Vaughan is home to CN's MacMillan Yard, North America's largest "hump yard", where trains are built to transport goods.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that September 23 – 29, 2018 be proclaimed as Rail Safety Week, that the CN flag is raised at City Hall on September 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. for the balance of Rail Safety Week, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

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

Attachment

1. Correspondence from the Manager, Public Affairs Ontario of CN Railway, dated April 24, 2018

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April 24, 2018

Mr. Todd Coles
Clerk, City of Vaughan
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Dear Mr. Coles,

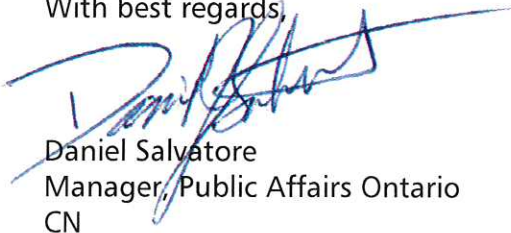
Through this letter I would like to introduce myself as the new Manager, Public Affairs (Ontario) at CN Railway as well as propose to you a partnership between CN and Vaughan during Rail Safety Week (RSW) 2018.

It is great to see that Vaughan has already proclaimed RSW in our community. Please note that beginning this year RSW has combined efforts with the United States to observe rail safety from September 23 to 29. This is an important week during which messages about crossing safety and trespass prevention reach millions of Canadians and Americans.

I would like to request that Vaughan update it's RSW proclamation to reflect it's new date and further, that CN and the City of Vaughan host a flag raising on a day during RSW. Vaughan is home to CN's MacMillan Yard, North America's largest 'hump yard' that builds trains to transport goods across the continent. I think it would be most fitting to celebrate CN's relationship with Vaughan and observe a CN flag raising in an important municipality for the CN network.

On behalf of the over 24,000 railroaders at CN I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to corresponding with you in the future on this proposed partnership.

With best regards,



Daniel Salvatore
Manager, Public Affairs Ontario
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