

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (1) Report**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022

**TITLE: MENORAH LIGHTING**

**FROM:** Ward 3 Councillor, Rosanna DeFrancesca

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

**Whereas**, the first lighting of the Menorah will take place at nightfall on December 18, 2022 and consecutively be lit for the eight-day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah until nightfall on December 26, 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 Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge have requested that the Menorah be displayed to provide a visual symbolism and celebration for the community.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That the Menorah Lighting Ceremony organized by Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge be held on December 18;
2. That the Menorah structure be placed and lit at the Vellore Village Community Centre, with the appropriate support of City of Vaughan staff (and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services), including but not limited to, assisting with the set-up and lighting of the Menorah if required;
3. That all activities held inside the Vellore Village Community Centre be charged in accordance with approved rental rates; and
4. That the City of Vaughan will honour this commitment should the Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge wish to hold the Menorah Lighting Ceremony annually at the Vellore Village Community Centre.