

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2022

Item 20, Report No. 46, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 13, 2022.

20. STRENGTHENING VAUGHAN BY RECOGNIZING CAUSES, EVENTS AND COMMEMORATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Committee of the Whole recommends that the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Mayor Del Duca, dated December 12, 2022, be approved.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Del Duca

Whereas, City of Vaughan proclamations are official statements made by, or under the authority of, Members of Vaughan Council to recognize causes, events and commemorations of significance to the City of Vaughan and its citizens;

Whereas, proclamation statements contribute to the fabric of Vaughan society by recognizing cultural diversity and the public good;

Whereas, nearly half of Vaughan's population was born abroad and citizens speak 105 different languages;

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- Family Day
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- Remembrance Day
- Diwali
- Albanian Heritage Month
- Guru Nanak Gurburab (Sikh)
- Chanukah
- Christmas
- Kwanza
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- Italian Heritage Month
- India Independence Day
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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2)

DATE: Monday, December 12, 2022

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FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

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Attachment

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