

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 **WARD(S):** ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE, FIREFIGHTERS' NATIONAL
MEMORIAL DAY AND VIETNAM NATIONAL DAY

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for Month of Remembrance, Firefighters' National Memorial Day, and Vietnam National Day.

Report Highlights

- To respond to the proclamation request received from the City of Vaughan's Archives, Office of the City Clerk.
- To respond to the proclamation request received from Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services.
- To respond to the proclamation request received from the Canada Vietnam Society.

Recommendations

1. THAT the month of November be proclaimed as "Month of Remembrance" going forward on an annual basis;
2. THAT the second Sunday in September be proclaimed as "Firefighters' National Memorial Day" going forward on an annual basis;
3. THAT September 2, 2023, be proclaimed as "Vietnam National Day"; and,
4. THAT the proclamations be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

Month of Remembrance

The Archives division of the Office of the City Clerk has requested a proclamation for November to be recognized as Month of Remembrance on an annual basis. This proclamation would be a part of the City's annual events for the month and is a means to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Vaughan citizens and their families.

Council has previously granted this request for proclamation.

Firefighters' National Memorial Day

Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services has requested a proclamation for the second Sunday in September to be recognized as Firefighters' National Memorial Day on an annual basis.

Vietnam National Day

The National Day in Vietnam is recognized annually on September 2, commemorating a historic day for the country.

The organization has also requested a flag raising, which has been approved by the City Clerk as per the City's Flag Raising Policy.

Previous Reports/Authority

Month of Remembrance

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Analysis and Options

Month of Remembrance

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.5. Civic commemorations or celebrations

Firefighters' National Memorial Day

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.5. Civic commemorations or celebrations

Vietnam National Day

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.1. Arts, culture or heritage commemorations in the City of Vaughan

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact expected in regard to these proclamation requests.

Operational Impact

The Corporate Communications team will oversee the promotion of these proclamations on corporate channels.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed these requests, staff is recommending that the month of November be proclaimed as "Month of Remembrance" going forward on an annual basis, that the second Sunday in September be proclaimed as "Firefighters' National Memorial Day" going forward on an annual basis, that September 2, 2023 be proclaimed as "Vietnam National Day", and that the proclamations be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

Attachments

1. Correspondence from City of Vaughan's Archives, Office of the City Clerk, received on February 27, 2023
2. Correspondence from Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services, received on April 18, 2023
3. Correspondence from the Canada Vietnam Society, received on April 27, 2023

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Approved by

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Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager
Legal and Administrative Services
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Reviewed by

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Nick Spensieri, City Manager