

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Item 11, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 26, 2023.

11. ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH FLAG RAISING

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the resolution of Mayor Del Duca, dated September 12, 2023.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Steven Del Duca

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Whereas, the dynamic Muslim community in Vaughan is an essential part of our city's cultural fabric and a key contributor to our ongoing success; and

Whereas, Islamic Heritage Month serves to celebrate, inform, educate and share with fellow Canadians the rich heritage of Muslims and their contributions; and

Whereas, in 2020, Vaughan Council proclaimed Islamic Heritage Month on a recurring basis; and

Whereas, Islamic Heritage Month also represents an opportunity to acknowledge the challenges faced by Muslim Canadians in the form of Islamophobia and hate-fueled violence, and support a safer and more welcoming city for Muslim residents; and

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Whereas, the City's flag-raising events and illuminations, among other corporate initiatives and opportunities can bring the Vaughan community together to celebrate meaningful occasions.

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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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Financial and Staff Resource Impact

The costs and staff resources associated with this resolution would be similar to any other flag-raising held at the City of Vaughan.