

## Committee of the Whole Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 07, 2019

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST  
ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**FROM:**

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim June 2019 as Italian Heritage Month, that the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising event for Italian Heritage Month on June 1, 2019, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received from Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation, received on April 10, 2019.
- Proclamation and flag raising requested in the month of June.

**Recommendations**

1. That June 2019 be proclaimed as Italian Heritage Month;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising event on June 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm with the Italian flag remaining raised for a period up to but no longer than one week; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Background**

Correspondence was received from the President of the Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation on April 10, 2019 requesting a proclamation and flag raising.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Item 9, Report No. 10 of the Committee of the Whole](#)

### **Analysis and Options**

The proclamation and flag raising 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", and

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the municipality the City of Vaughan will fly at the Civic Centre the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, or ethnic group or its representatives".

In recognition of the passing of Bill 103 by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario in 2010 declaring the month of June as Italian Heritage Month, this yearly flag raising event promotes and celebrates the diversity of the residents of the City of Vaughan.

### **Financial Impact**

There is no expected financial impact with respect to this request.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that June 2019 be proclaimed as Italian Heritage Month, that the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising event for Italian Heritage Month on June 1, 2019, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

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

### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from the President, Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation, received April 10, 2019

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