

Council Report

DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
PRIDE WEEK**

FROM:

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim June 7 – 16, 2019 as Pride Week, to raise the Rainbow flag and Transgender Pride flag at Vaughan City Hall on a date during Pride Week, and to post the proclamation on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from York Pride Fest, received on May 7, 2019.
- Proclamation and flag raising requested in the period of June 7 – 16, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That June 7 – 16, 2019 be proclaimed as Pride Week;
2. That the Rainbow flag and Transgender Pride flag are raised at Vaughan City Hall on a date between June 7 – 16, 2019 to be determined, with the flags remaining raised for the balance of Pride Week; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence was received from York Pride Fest on May 7, 2019 requesting a proclamation and flag raising.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Committee of the Whole - Item 27, Report No. 18](#)

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 issues 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,

"The City Clerk be delegated authority to administer the Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy".

A proclamation and flag raising would be a celebration of diversity, inclusivity and equality.

Financial Impact

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

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

For almost two decades, York Region's Pride Week has been recognized by the Regional Municipality of York and proclaimed by many of York Region's municipalities.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that June 7 – 16, 2019 is proclaimed as Pride Week, to raise the Rainbow flag and Transgender Pride flag at Vaughan City Hall on a date during Pride Week, and to post the proclamation on the City's website.

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

Attachment

1. Correspondence from York Pride Fest, received May 7, 2019

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