

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2019

Item 16, Report No. 11, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2019.

16. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST ISRAEL'S 71ST INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, dated March 5, 2019:

Recommendations

1. That May 9, 2019 be proclaimed as Israel's 71st Independence Day;
2. That there is a flag raising event on May 9, 2019 to celebrate the raising of the Israeli flag at City Hall for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
ISRAEL'S 71ST INDEPENDENCE DAY**

FROM:

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim May 9, 2019 as Israel's 71st Independence Day, that the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising ceremony on May 9, 2019, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation and flag raising request received from the Director, Government Relations of the Consulate General of Israel.
- Proclamation requested for May 9, 2019.
- Flag raising event requested for May 9, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That May 9, 2019 be proclaimed as Israel's 71st Independence Day;
2. That there is a flag raising event on May 9, 2019 to celebrate the raising of the Israeli flag at City Hall for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Director, Government Relations of the Consulate General of Israel in the Office of the City Clerk on January 11, 2019.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Committee of the Whole - Report No. 6, Item 12](#)

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 jurisdiction 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".

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is seeking Council approval to proclaim May 9, 2019 as Israel's 71st Independence Day, for the City of Vaughan to participate in a flag raising ceremony on May 9, 2019 at City Hall, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website

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

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Director, Government Relations of the Consulate General of Israel, received November 29, 2019

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CLERK'S DEPT.

November 29, 2018

Todd Coles, City Clerk
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr
Maple, ON
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Dear Mr. Coles,

Please consider this letter as a formal request to use Vaughan City Hall's courtesy flagpole on Thursday, May 9, 2019 to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). If possible, we would like the flag raising ceremony to take place at 12:00 pm and would like to formally request that May 9th be proclaimed as "Israel's 71st Independence Day".

The official ceremony, about an hour in length, would include the raising of the Israeli Flag, complimented by singing of both Canadian and Israeli national anthems, and remarks by the Mayor and City Councillors, the Consul General of Israel, and leaders from Vaughan's Jewish Community. We will also be asking to use a lectern and microphone for the ceremony.

I appreciate your taking the time to review this request and to bring it before Council on behalf of the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto.

If you require further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,


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