CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2019

Item 12, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 1, 2019.

12. PROCLAMATION REQUEST FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services dated April 2, 2019:

Recommendations

1. That September 25, 2019 be proclaimed as "Franco-Ontarian Day", and;

2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 02, 2019   **WARD(S):** ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
          FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY

FROM:
Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim September 25, 2019 as Franco-Ontarian Day and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from the Project Coordinator, of the Association des francophones de la region de York (AFFRY).
- Proclamation requested for September 25, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That September 25, 2019 be proclaimed as "Franco-Ontarian Day", and;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Project Coordinator, of the Association des francophones de la region de York (AFFRY) in the Office of the City Clerk on February 6, 2019.

The historical celebration of the Franco-Ontarian flag is an important event for Franco-Ontarians to commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of Etienne Brule.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

Committee of the Whole – Item 21, Report No. 18

Analysis and Options

This proclamation 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".

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

This proclamation will celebrate the Francophone presence in York Region.

Conclusion

Staff is seeking Council approval to proclaim September 25, 2019 as Franco-Ontarian Day 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 Project Coordinator, Association des francophones de la region de York (AFRY), dated February 6, 2019

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February 6, 2019

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Since 2010, September 25th has been designated as the official Franco-Ontarian Day. This day of awareness to the situation of Franco-Ontarians is to celebrate and to emphasize the anniversary of their flag and the presence of their community.

In this context, "L'Association des francophones de la région de York" (L'AFRY) is proud to celebrate in a special way the anniversary of the arrival of Étienne Brûlé and the presence of Francophone in York Region. We would appreciate if **September 25th** can be proclaim "Franco-Ontarian day".

Today, over 600 000 French speaking citizens live in Ontario, making it the largest francophone community outside of the province of Quebec

Several of the region's town and cities did agree to proclaim **September 25th** "Franco-Ontarian day" last year and we are hopeful that the City of Vaughan will also commit to proclaim it.

Please feel free to contact me by email at coordination@afry.ca.

Sincerely Yours,

Rokia Boiro
Project coordinator