

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2019

Item 13, 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.

13. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST FILIPINO 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 June 8, 2019 be proclaimed as Filipino Day in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the Philippine flag be raised on June 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Vaughan 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, April 02, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
FILIPINO DAY**

FROM:

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval for the date of June 8, 2019 to be proclaimed as Filipino Day, that the Philippine flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on June 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation and flag raising request received from the President of the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan.
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested for June 8, 2019 at Vaughan City Hall.

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Background

Correspondence was received from the President of the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan, on February 28, 2019.

This request has previously been granted by Vaughan Council.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Committee of the Whole – Item 20, Report No. 18](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation 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”.

This proclamation and flag raising would commemorate the 121st Anniversary of Philippine Independence. This is a national day of the Philippines to remember and honour those who sacrificed their lives for sovereignty.

Financial Impact

The requestor has advised they will pay any overages incurred for the event.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that June 8, 2019 be proclaimed as Filipino Day, that the City of Vaughan raise the Philippine flag at 10:00 a.m. at Vaughan City Hall for the balance of the 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 President of the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan, February 27, 2019

Prepared by

Julia Bartolomeo, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services, Ext. 8280

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Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan

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February 27, 2019

Mr. Todd Coles
City Clerk, City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ont., L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Coles:

I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag to commemorate the 121th Anniversary of Philippine Independence on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., Vaughan City Hall. Likewise, I would like to request that Saturday, June 8 be proclaimed "Filipino Day". This day, June 12, to be exact is a national day of the Philippines as we remember our ancestors who sacrificed their lives to give us the precious gift of sovereignty.

Every year, Filipinos around the world celebrate Philippine Independence Day. Here in the City of Vaughan "Filipino Day" was proclaimed and the Philippine flag was raised to celebrate the Philippine Independence Day last year and previous years. We would like to do it again this year. It should be noted that the City of Vaughan is a twin city of Baguio, Philippines.

Following the flag raising, I would like to request permission to use the Multi-Purpose Room, Garden Room and Courtyard for program, entertainment and lunch (Filipino food) provided by the members of the Planning Committee (Philippine Heritage Band, Solid Rock Indigenous Group, Pinoy Radio Inc./MCBN, The Paschal Strings and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan). The Committee will pay any overages incurred for the event. I would like the event to end at 2:00 p.m.

On behalf of the Filipino Day Planning Committee, thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours

President

CC.: His Worship, Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor, City of Vaughan
Hon. Rosalita Prospero Consul, General, Philippine Consulate, Toronto