

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2019

Item 23, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 14, 2019.

23. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, dated May 7, 2019:

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.

Committee of the Whole Report

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

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

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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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Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation

City of Vaughan
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CLERK'S DEPT.

Dear Office of the City Clerk,

Re: Italian Heritage Month ("IMH") Flag Raising in Partnership with the City of Vaughan June 2019

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation as our formal request to add, for consideration and approval a proposal to the agenda for the upcoming Committee of the Whole. In recognition of the passing of Bill 103 by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario on October 25th 2010 declaring the month of June as Italian Heritage Month, we seek the opportunity to once again do an official Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday June 1st 2019, 2-4pm.

Over the past 9 years, we celebrated a successful Italian Heritage Month and are please to have the support of the City of Vaughan. We hope to continue this collaboration and welcome the opportunity to work together again this year to promote and celebrate the diversity of the residents of the City of Vaughan.

Subject to the Committee approval, both resources and support needs from the City for each event will be discussed in detail. All activities are to be presented as a partnership with the City of Vaughan and we are most confident that a significant percentage of our community will participate.

Should you require further information and/or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by telephone 905-850-2269 or via email at frances@tibollo.net.

Trusting in a favourable response, we thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation

Per:



Frances Tibollo

President – Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation

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