

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK AND 74TH INDEPENDENCE
DAY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for Compost Awareness Week and the 74th Independence Day of the State of Israel.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from Environmental Services department for a proclamation for the week of May 1 to May 7.
- Respond to the request received from the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada for a proclamation for May 5.

Recommendations

1. That May 1 to May 7, 2022 be proclaimed as “Compost Awareness Week”, and that going forward it be proclaimed yearly on a recurring basis;
2. That May 5, 2022 be proclaimed as the “74th Independence Day of the State of Israel”; and
3. That the proclamations be posted on the City’s website, and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

Compost Awareness Week

The request for proclamation was received from the City's Environmental Services department.

International Compost Awareness Week takes place from May 1 to 7, 2022 and focuses on the importance of compost use and the benefits from recycling organics.

The City of Vaughan is committed to fostering a sustainable community that will continue to enhance the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors. Proclaiming this week will bring further awareness to sustainable initiatives within the City. It has been requested that this proclamation occurs on a yearly basis.

74th Independence Day of the State of Israel

The request for proclamation was received from the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada.

In addition to the proclamation request, there was a request submitted for illumination and a request submitted for flag raising to commemorate this date, each of which will be reviewed by the City Clerk as per the City's Illumination Policy and the City's Flag Raising Policy.

Previous Reports/Authority

Compost Awareness Week

The request to proclaim Compost Awareness Week has not previously been granted by Council.

74th Independence Day of the State of Israel

The request to proclaim Independence Day of the State of Israel has been previously granted by Council, most recently in 2021:

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Analysis and Options

Compost Awareness Week

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns

74th Independence Day of the State of Israel

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.1. Arts, culture or heritage commemorations in the City of Vaughan

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact expected in regards to these requests.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed each request, staff is recommending that May 1 to May 7, 2022 be proclaimed as "Compost Awareness Week" and that going forward it be proclaimed yearly on a recurring basis; that May 5, 2022 be proclaimed as the "74th Independence Day of the State of Israel"; and that the proclamations be posted on the City's website, and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

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

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Environment Services Department, received January 27, 2022
2. Correspondence from Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada, received January 28, 2022

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