

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2024

**TITLE: REMEMBERING, HONOURING AND SAFEGUARDING THE
LEGACY OF VETERANS – REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
AND CEREMONY**

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 414 was established in 1949, and has been a critical local institution serving Vaughan for 75 years; and

Whereas, Branch 414 organized an annual Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony that brought together the entire community to honour veterans, demonstrate appreciation for their sacrifices and that have resulted in Canada being a nation of peace, order, democracy and freedom; and

Whereas, in June 2023, Vaughan Council approved a request by the Archives division of the Office of the City Clerk for November to be proclaimed Month of Remembrance on an annual basis. This proclamation is part of the City's annual events for the month and is a means to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Vaughan citizens and their families; and

Whereas, also during November, the public is encouraged to share thoughts of remembrance and messages of peace on the City of Vaughan's poppy wall at City Hall; and

Whereas, with the planned closure of Branch 414, it is imperative to remember that all government levels and community stakeholders have ownership to undertake initiatives that help to safeguard and pay tribute to veterans, including those who have perished and those living, and in addition to the brave individuals currently serving in active duty with the Canadian Armed Forces.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That City of Vaughan staff be directed to organize and plan an official City of Vaughan Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony corporate event annually, at the Woodbridge Cenotaph, on November 11.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact:

Existing budget and staff resources will be utilized to fulfill the recommendations in this Member's Resolution.

Attachments:

N/A