

## Council Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST  
INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**FROM:**

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim August 17, 2019 as India Independence Day, to raise India's flag at Vaughan City Hall on August 17, 2019 for the balance of the day, and to post the proclamation on the City's website.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received from WEConnect Community Services, received on June 4, 2019.
- Proclamation and flag raising requested for August 17, 2019.

**Recommendations**

1. That August 17, 2019 be proclaimed as India Independence Day;
2. That India's flag is raised at Vaughan City Hall on August 17, 2019 for the balance of the day; and,
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Background**

Correspondence was received from WEConnect Community Services on June 4, 2019 requesting a proclamation and flag raising.

Council has previously granted this request.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Item 1, Report No. 26 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".

India Independence Day is one of three national holidays in India, and is a day to honor those that who have fought for India's freedom in the past.

## **Financial Impact**

There are additional costs expected with the booking of the one-hour flag raising ceremony and one-hour reception.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

## **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that August 17, 2019 is proclaimed as India Independence Day, that India's flag is raised at Vaughan City Hall on August 17, 2019 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation is posted on the City's website.

**For more information**, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

## **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from Vice-President, WEConnect Community Services, dated May 30, 2019

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