

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2)

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

TITLE: STREAMLINING VAUGHAN'S FLAG PROTOCOL

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, events contribute to the fabric of Vaughan society by recognizing cultural diversity and the public good; and

Whereas, nearly half of Vaughan's population was born abroad, and citizens speak 105 different languages; and

Whereas, flag-raising events can inform, engage and empower citizens throughout Vaughan; and

Whereas, members of the public are actively encouraged and invited to request flag-raising events, over and above what has already been approved by Council; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan's flag-raising events, among other corporate initiatives and opportunities, are an important opportunity to bring the Vaughan community together; and

Whereas, the number of City flag-raising events has increased significantly in the 2022-2026 Term of Council, resulting in an increased focus on the logistics of organizing each flag-raising event; and

Whereas, section 226.1 of the *Municipal Act 2001* provides that the head of Council shall act as the representative of the municipality both within and outside the municipality and promote the municipality locally, nationally and internationally; and

Whereas, streamlining the City Flag Protocol to provide further clarity will ensure a more transparent and efficient model for hosting flag-raising events.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Council amend the Flag Protocol to include a new section 2.7, which reads:
"Flag raising ceremonies shall feature the following speakers:
2.7.1. The only elected official to be the Mayor and/or their designate
2.7.2 Any other elected officials to address the ceremony will be determined at the discretion of the Mayor
2.7.3 Stakeholder speaker(s) from the Requestor. These requests will be determined by the Mayor in consultation with City of Vaughan staff."

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

There are no financial impacts associated with this Member's Resolution.

Attachments

N/A