

MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

**TITLE: CITY OF VAUGHAN PUBLIC GATEWAY SIGN AND MENORAH
AT CITY HALL**

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca
Councillor Gila Martow

Whereas, City of Vaughan proclamations are official statements made by, or under the authority of, Members of Vaughan Council to recognize causes, events and commemorations of significance to the City of Vaughan and its people. Since 2022, proclamations have increased significantly. Proclaiming causes, events and commemorations can inform, engage and empower citizens throughout Vaughan; and

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

Whereas, additionally, the City's flag raisings and illuminations, among other corporate initiatives and events, are an important opportunity to bring the Vaughan community together; and

Whereas, like other municipalities, establishing a new exterior permanent Vaughan gateway sign at Vaughan City Hall is an opportunity to enhance further the City's efforts to bring the community together to recognize causes, events and commemorations of significance by incorporating this signage to mark important occasions; and

Whereas, celebrations have become much-anticipated traditions enjoyed by people of all backgrounds and faiths, where the signage can be featured; and

Whereas, as part of the new gateway signage, a new menorah can also be incorporated into the sign on an annual basis during Chanukah.

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT Council direct staff to explore all opportunities to design, construct and/or install a permanent “Vaughan” gateway feature sign at Vaughan City Hall that has the ability to include, within that signage, time-limited commemorations of significance at City Hall as expeditiously as possible;
2. THAT Council authorize that the required funding be appropriated from the existing Infrastructure Development budget; and
3. THAT the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development together with the Director of Procurement Services be authorized to take all appropriate steps necessary to give effect to Recommendation 1, including the authority to award a Single Source procurement, and that the Director of Procurement Services be authorized to execute any necessary agreements, all in a form satisfactory to Legal Services.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

The Infrastructure Development Portfolio confirms the funding for the signage will be appropriated from the existing Infrastructure Development budget; existing City of Vaughan staff time will be utilized.

Attachments

N/A