

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, October 08, 2024

**TITLE: CELEBRATING VAUGHAN'S NEWEST CITIZENS – BRINGING
CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES TO CITY HALL**

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, citizenship ceremonies contribute to the fabric of Vaughan by celebrating the final step newcomers take in the journey to become Canadian citizens; and

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

Whereas, citizenship ceremonies are an important opportunity to bring the Vaughan community together; and

Whereas, hosting citizenship ceremonies at City Hall signals to new citizens that they are valued by and connected to their municipality; and

Whereas, the federal government routinely organizes citizenship ceremonies and requires accessible locations with the appropriate means to host these events; and

Whereas, the number of City flag-raising and other events hosted at City Hall has increased significantly in the 2022-2026 Term of Council, and this would serve as one more opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Vaughan's residents.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Council approve the use of City Hall to host citizenship ceremonies annually, and to absorb the expenditures associated with hosting these events; and
2. That Council direct staff to coordinate with the federal government to facilitate the hosting of citizenship ceremonies at City Hall.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

Existing operating budget will be allocated to support the administration of citizenship ceremonies hosted by the City of Vaughan.

Attachments

None