

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (1)**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, October 08, 2024

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

**FROM:**

Mayor Steven Del Duca

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***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