

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2)

DATE: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

**TITLE: HEAD OF COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT JALSA SALANA
UK 2025**

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, Vaughan is one of the most diverse cities in Canada and continues to be shaped by the contributions of people from around the world who now call our city home;

Whereas, Jalsa Salana UK was established in 1891, and attracts tens of thousands of attendees from more than 100 countries around the world;

Whereas, the event is organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and is internationally recognized for its promotion of interfaith dialogue, humanitarian values, peace, and spiritual development;

Whereas, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has a strong and growing presence in Vaughan, contributing significantly to the city's civic life through volunteerism, public service, and the promotion of tolerance and understanding;

Whereas, Mayor Steven Del Duca has been invited to attend Jalsa Salana UK 2025, taking place in Hampshire, England, as an official guest to represent the City of Vaughan and show support for the values of harmony, unity and peace that are shared between the City and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community;

Whereas, Section 226.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, states that the Head of Council, as chief executive officer of the municipality, shall *“act as the representative of the municipality both within and outside the municipality, and promote the municipality locally, nationally and internationally,” and that the Head of Council is also to “participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and its residents”;*

Whereas, section 2.1.1 of the City’s *Inbound and Outbound Delegations* Policy requires approval from Council for outbound delegations involving elected officials;

Whereas, the Council-approved Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan 2022-2026 states, *“The City will work with Muslim communities in Vaughan to support opportunities to build awareness and educate the public to effectively work toward the elimination of all forms of intolerance, discrimination and bigotry”;*

Whereas, the City of Vaughan values and supports cultural and interfaith engagement that enhances social cohesion and global understanding; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan undertakes various International Economic Relations missions to advance economic and cultural relationships.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Vaughan City Council endorse Mayor Steven Del Duca and one Head of Council support staff to participate at the Jalsa Salana UK 2025 Annual Convention, where Mayor Del Duca’s participation, as an invited guest, will further advance the City of Vaughan’s inclusion and community outreach Council-approved initiatives.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact:

Existing budget will be used to fund participation to support this initiative

Attachments:

1. Invitation Letter