

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
CHINESE NATIONAL DAY WEEK**

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim the week of October 1 – 7, 2019 as Chinese National Day Week, that the flag of the People's Republic of China be raised at Vaughan City Hall on a date to be determined in conjunction with relevant departments, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation and flag raising request from the Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region (FCCYR) & Federation of Chinese Canadians in Vaughan (FCCV).
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested for the week of October 1 – 7, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That October 1 – 7, 2019 be proclaimed as Chinese National Day Week;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising event to raise the People's Republic of China flag on a date to be determined, with the flag remaining raised for the balance of that date; and,
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence was received from the FCCYR & FCCV in the Office of the City Clerk on September 9, 2019 making the request for proclamation and flag raising.

The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949 and this day remains a significant one for Chinese people around the world. Commemorating this day with a proclamation and flag raising would be meaningful for those with Chinese roots that live in the City of Vaughan.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Committee of the Whole – September 17, 2018](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation and flag raising request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns, or other similar matters: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdictions or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the municipality the City of Vaughan will fly at the Civic Centre the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, or ethnic group or its representatives".

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 1 – 7, 2019 be proclaimed as Chinese National Day Week, that the City of Vaughan participate in a flag raising event to raise the People's Republic of China flag on a date to be determined, with the flag remaining raised for the balance of that date, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Chairman, FCCYR & FCCV, received on September 9, 2019

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