

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2019

Item 10, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 2, 2019, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with communication C23, from the City Clerk, dated September 30, 2019:

- 1. That recommendations 1. and 2. contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated September 24, 2019, regarding the Proclamation Request Islamic Heritage Month, be approved; and***
- 2. That staff be directed to continue to work with the community group planning an Islamic Heritage Month event, and subject to staff's satisfaction with the planning and logistics of the event, Council endorse the event for the purposes of promoting the event.***

10. PROCLAMATION REQUEST ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

The Committee of the Whole recommends that consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of October 2, 2019.

1. That October 2019 be proclaimed as "Islamic Heritage Month";
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website; and,
3. For Council to provide direction on the group's request to use the City's electronic message boards to promote an event they will be hosting during Islamic Heritage Month in City space, on a date to be determined.

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH**

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 2019 as Islamic Heritage Month, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website, and to receive Council's direction on the group's request to use the City's electronic message boards to promote an event they will be hosting in City space, on a date to be determined.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (Vaughan).
- Proclamation requested for the month of October.
- The group is also requesting use of the City's electronic message boards to promote an event they will be hosting during Islamic Heritage Month.

Recommendations

1. That October 2019 be proclaimed as "Islamic Heritage Month";
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website; and,
3. For Council to provide direction on the group's request to use the City's electronic message boards to promote an event they will be hosting during Islamic Heritage Month in City space, on a date to be determined.

Background

Correspondence was received from Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (Vaughan) in the Office of the City Clerk on August 28, 2019 making the request for proclamation and the request for use of the City's electronic message boards.

The government of Ontario has declared October to be Islamic Heritage Month. Proclaiming Islamic Heritage Month in Vaughan will provide an opportunity for the public to reflect, celebrate and learn about Islamic history, as well as learn about the roles and contributions of Muslims in their community.

The group is hosting an event in City space, on a date to be determined in conjunction with relevant departments. They are requesting use of the City's electronic message boards to promote this event.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Council - June 19, 2018](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation 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 jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter.”

Council is to provide direction on the request for use of the City's electronic message boards based on relevant City policy.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 2019 be proclaimed as Islamic Heritage Month 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 Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (Vaughan), dated August 25, 2019

Prepared by

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AHMADIYYA
MUSLIM JAMA'AT
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Muslims who believe in the Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}
and promote "Love for all, Hatred for none"

Clerk's Office
City of Vaughan
Aug 25, 2019

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Respectable Mr. Coles,

Islam is a religion with around 1.8 billion followers globally. It has a diverse and rich heritage. To celebrate the vibrant Islamic Heritage, the government of Ontario has declared October to be the Islamic Heritage Month.

By the grace and blessings of the Almighty, we were able to organize our first Islamic heritage expo on Oct 27, 2018 at the Vaughan City Hall. The event provided an opportunity for the public to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history and the diverse roles and contributions of Muslims in their community.

In light of this, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (Vaughan) wants to request that the month of October 2019 be proclaimed as Islamic Heritage Month along with a flag raising event to celebrate the month at the City Hall once again. However, due to the nature of our flag representing our religious movement and being sacred to us, we would like to request it being hosted on a separate flagpole independently just like Franko Ontarians and Fuerza Latina got to host their flags on a separate pole.

Secondly, we would also want to request access to the city's electronic message boards to advertise the event so that the public can join us in our celebration.

On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Vaughan, I will look forward to your help and support in this regard.

Yours truly,

M. Zubair Mughla
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