

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**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

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**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

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