

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2019

Item 11, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 2, 2019.

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#### **11. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST CHINESE NATIONAL DAY WEEK**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated September 24, 2019:**

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.

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**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

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**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

**Prepared by**

Julia Bartolomeo, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services, ext. 8280

**Attachment 1**



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**CLERK'S DEPT.**

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September 8, 2019

Mr. Todd Coles  
City Clerk, City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON  
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RE: Request for Chinese Flag Raising Ceremony

Dear Mr. Coles:

On behalf of the Federation of Chinese Canadians of Vaughan and York Region (FCCV and FCCYR), I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the flag of the People's Republic of China at Vaughan City Hall on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

The People's Republic of China was founded on October 1, 1949 and this day marks the country's National Day for Chinese people around the world. For a number of years FCCYR has celebrated China's National Day in October with a number of flag raising ceremonies across York Region. We would like to continue the flag raising ceremony tradition at Vaughan. The Consulate- General of the People's Republic of China will be joining us on October 5 for the flag raising ceremony. In addition to the flag raising, we would like to request that the City of Vaughan proclaim the week of October 1 as Chinese National Day Proclamation Week in honour of all the Chinese Canadians who have set their roots in Vaughan, making contributions to the City's development and prosperity.

Following the flag raising ceremony, I would like to request permission to use the Multi-Purpose Room to host an afternoon Chinese tea. The tea will be hosted by FCCYR. On behalf of FCCV and FCCYR, I thank you and I look forward to a favourable response on this request.

Sincerely,




Dr. Ken Ng  
Chairman,  
FCCYR, FCCV

cc Councillor Sandra Racco



  
Frank Scarpitti  
Co-Chair  
Mayor,  
Town of Markham

  
Sandra Yeung Raceo  
Co-Chair  
Councillor,  
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