

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2)

DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**TITLE: MOTION URGING PARLIAMENT TO ENACT A CANADIAN
CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH**

FROM:

Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco

Whereas, Canada is strengthened by its cultural diversity, and the contributions of Chinese Canadians have been integral to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of the nation;

Whereas, Chinese Canadians have played a significant role in the development of Canada, including contributions to the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, entrepreneurship, public service, and community leadership;

Whereas, Chinese Canadians have faced historical injustices, including the Chinese Head Tax and the Chinese Exclusion Act, and continue to demonstrate resilience and commitment to building an inclusive Canada;

Whereas, recognizing and celebrating the heritage, culture, and contributions of Chinese Canadians promotes greater understanding, inclusion, and unity across all communities in Canada;

Whereas, other cultural heritage months have been established to recognize and celebrate the contributions of diverse communities across Canada;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan adopted a resolution on March 19, 2024 proclaiming February's Chinese Heritage in the City of Vaughan, a factor leading the Government of Ontario to adopt Bill 183 on December 19, 2024 proclaiming that February be Chinese Heritage Month everywhere in the province;

Whereas, Chinese organizations across Canada and United Against Hate Canada have urged Parliament to enact a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month and called on municipalities to voice their support,

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the City of Vaughan Council recognizes the contributions of the Chinese community to the success and growth of the City of Vaughan, Ontario and Canada;
2. That the City of Vaughan Council urge Parliament to enact a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all the Members of Parliament.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

Existing operating budget will be leveraged.
Existing staff resources will be leveraged.

Attachments

N/A