

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2019**

Item 4, Report No. 32, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 23, 2019.

#### **4. 2019 MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends that this matter be withdrawn in accordance with the request contained in communication C1, from Councillor Shefman, dated October 11, 2019.**

##### **Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman.

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah through a Menorah lighting ceremony, and

**Whereas**, Council approved in 2017 the recommendation to host a Menorah lighting ceremony at City Hall and another ceremony at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on an annual basis, and

**Whereas**, the celebration of Hanukkah takes place over 8 days and on each of these days, the Menorah is lit,

##### **It is therefore recommended:**

1. That due to the proximity of the first day of Hanukkah to the City's corporate closure beginning on December 23 in 2019, the Menorah Lighting ceremonies be combined for this year to one ceremony to be held at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on December 29, and
2. That the Menorah Lighting Ceremony take place in both City Hall and Garnet Williams Community Centre in the following years.

## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

<b>Meeting/Date</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 16, 2019</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>2019 MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Alan Shefman, Councillor – Ward 5</b>

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah through a Menorah lighting ceremony, and

**Whereas**, Council approved in 2017 the recommendation to host a Menorah lighting ceremony at City Hall and another ceremony at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on an annual basis, and

**Whereas**, the celebration of Hanukkah takes place over 8 days and on each of these days, the Menorah is lit,

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That due to the proximity of the first day of Hanukkah to the City's corporate closure beginning on December 23 in 2019, the Menorah Lighting ceremonies be combined for this year to one ceremony to be held at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on December 29, and
2. That the Menorah Lighting Ceremony take place in both City Hall and Garnet Williams Community Centre in the following years.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Shefman  
Councillor, Ward 5

### **Attachments**

Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017. Item 15, Report No. 39

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

Item 15, Report No. 39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 21, 2017.

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**MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
**GARNET A. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated November 7, 2017:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman

***Whereas**, the City of Vaughan recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah through a Menorah lighting ceremony, and*

***Whereas**, the official ceremony at City Hall is a significant event, and*

*Whereas, the official ceremony is scheduled for a time that severely limits the attendance of the Jewish community, and*

***Whereas**, as a result of the official closure of City offices in 2016, the Menorah lighting was held at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, and*

***Whereas**, the event at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre was very well attended by the community, and*

***Whereas**, many members of the community have requested that a City of Vaughan Menorah lighting ceremony take place at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on an annual basis, and*

***Whereas**, the celebration of Hanukkah takes place over 8 days and on each of those days, the Menorah is lit,*

***It is therefore recommended:***

- 1. That the annual official Menorah lighting ceremony continue to take place on an annual basis at City Hall, and*
- 2. That a second City of Vaughan sponsored Menorah lighting ceremony take place at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre on an annual basis, with the appropriate support of staff to facilitate the event.*