

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.*