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Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Monday, September 17, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST CHINESE NATIONAL DAY

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 1 – October 6, 2018 as Chinese National Day Proclamation Week, for the City of Vaughan to raise the flag of the People's Republic of China at Vaughan City Hall on September 30, 2018 for the balance of the day, and to post the proclamation on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation and flag raising request received from the Chairman, Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region.
- Proclamation requested for the week of October 1 – October 6, 2018.
- Flag raising event requested for September 30, 2018.

Recommendations

1. That October 1 – October 6, 2018 is proclaimed as Chinese National Day Proclamation Week;
2. That the People's Republic of China flag is raised at Vaughan City Hall on September 30, 2018 for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Chairman of the Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region, in conjunction with the Federation of Chinese Canadians of Vaughan, in the Office of the City Clerk on August 7, 2018.

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. Celebrating this day with a proclamation and flag raising in the City of Vaughan would be meaningful for the Chinese citizens that call Vaughan home.

Previous Reports/Authority

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Analysis and Options

The proclamation and flag raising request meetings 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

The Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region will be participating in flag raising events in municipalities across the Region of York.

Conclusion

Staff is asking for Council approval to proclaim October 1 – October 6, 2018 as Chinese National Day Proclamation Week, for the People's Republic of China flag to be raised at Vaughan City Hall on September 30, 2018 for the balance of the day, and to post the proclamation on the City's website and the City Page Online.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Chairman, Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region, dated August 3, 2018

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