

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2020

Item 14, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 21, 2020.

14. PROCLAIMING NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated April 21, 2020.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua

Whereas, National Day of Mourning was established by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984 to recognize April 28th as a day to remember and honour those who have died, been injured or suffered illness in the workplace; and

Whereas, the date was chosen in 1984, when the Canadian Labour Congress proclaimed the Day to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the day the first Ontario Worker's Compensation Act was approved by the government in 1914; and

Whereas, the National Day of Mourning was enshrined in national legislation by an Act of Parliament on February 1, 1991; and

Whereas, the National Day of Mourning, also known as Workers' Memorial Day, is officially recognized by more than 100 countries worldwide; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan's existing flag-raising / half-masting policy (AD - 014), directs flags at City facilities, including fire stations, to be flown at half-mast to commemorate this day; and

Whereas, the City takes extensive precautionary measures to safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of City employees, especially during the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the City deeply values the important role employees play in the delivery of programs and services and is equally grateful for workers in industries who risk their safety to provide essential services;

It is therefore recommended:

1. That every April 28 be officially proclaimed National Day of Mourning in the City of Vaughan; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and promoted on the City's corporate communications channels.



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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Submitted by:	Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor
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Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor