

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2020

Item 12, Report No. 22, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 29, 2020.

12. INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated June 9, 2020.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua

Whereas, the Government of Canada acknowledges June as National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 as a way to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities;

Whereas, our city sits on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe of the Williams Treaty First Nation, the Huron-Wendat and the Métis Nation with a history dating back centuries;

Whereas, each Council meeting begins with a land acknowledgement, so we may continue to foster a city with strong social cohesion and a clear sense of its culture and heritage;

Whereas, there are strong historical and cultural ties between the City of Vaughan and the Huron-Wendat Nation. The final resting place of many of their ancestors is located within our community and we are honoured to act as guardians to these sacred grounds;

Whereas, Vaughan is home to a site containing the remains of Huron-Wendat Nation ancestors, as well as a 500-year old village believed to have once been home to as many as 2,000 Indigenous Peoples, and we continue to demonstrate leadership in safeguarding the sanctity of historically significant sites;

Whereas, Indigenous History Month represents an opportunity to demonstrate and pay tribute to the strong Indigenous heritage that exists in our city and across all of Canada;

It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Mayor proclaim June as Indigenous History Month in Vaughan;
2. The Mayor proclaim June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in Vaughan;

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3. The proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (1)
Title:	Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Vaughan
Submitted by:	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua