

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
<p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mayor proclaim June as Indigenous History Month in Vaughan; 2. The Mayor proclaim June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in Vaughan; 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. 	

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua