

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2020

Item 14, 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.

14. PRIDE MONTH 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, Pride Month is recognized in June to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. The year 2020 marks the 51st anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a backlash to police harassment at a prominent gay bar in New York that is credited with sparking the modern LGBTQ2+ rights movement;

Whereas, Since 2003, the City of Vaughan has proclaimed Pride Week every year; since 2006, flown the rainbow flag during each Pride Week; and since 2016, has hosted an official flag-raising ceremony;

Whereas; the City of Vaughan remains committed to celebrating Pride Month by paying tribute to those in our community who have fought to achieve equality and acceptance – and those who continue that effort today;

Whereas, Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate our vibrant and proud LGBTQ2+ community and the countless contributions and progress made towards building a more inclusive society. It is a meaningful way to honour the pioneers, trailblazers and all Canadians who work tirelessly to raise awareness about the rich culture and history of LGBTQ2+ rights;

Whereas, Vaughan is one of Canada's fastest growing and most diverse communities and embraces all dimensions of diversity and recently adopted the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, which is a community initiative to create a fair and equal environment for all;

It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Mayor proclaim June as Pride Month in Vaughan;
2. That 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)
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Submitted by:	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua