

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1) – OCTOBER 6, 2020**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Subject:** FW: [External] Rizmi Deputation, Committee of the Whole Oct 6  
**Date:** October-02-20 3:39:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [Rizmi Deputation.pdf](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: JOHN DELUCA <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2020 3:11 PM  
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca  
Subject: [External] Rizmi Deputation, Committee of the Whole Oct 6

Please accept attached and following comments regarding subject:

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Thank you,  
John De Luca

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**To:** [Bellisario, Adelina](mailto:Bellisario, Adelina)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Deputation COW Tuesday, October 06, 2020 1:00 p.m. Council Chamber  
**Date:** October-04-20 8:49:53 PM

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**From:** Robert A Kenedy <rkenedy@yorku.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 04, 2020 11:15 AM  
**To:** Clerks@vaughan.ca  
**Cc:** Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers Association <mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com>; Robert A Kenedy <rkenedy@yorku.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Deputation COW Tuesday, October 06, 2020 1:00 p.m. Council Chamber

Sonia, though I will be speaking, please included this written statement just in case there are technical issues

October 1, 2020

Rizmi Deputation

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Thank you, Sonia. Please see the attachment.

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Hi Robert.

Thank you for contacting the Office of the City Clerk.

Please complete and return the Deputation Form attached and a meeting administrator will contact you with meeting instructions.

Thank you,

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I would like to make a deputation at the COW on Tuesday, October 06, 2020 at 1:00 pm online.

Best,

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**Communication**  
**CW (1) – October 6, 2020**  
**Item # 7**

September 30, 2020

Mr Coles,

Islam is a religion with around 1.8 billion followers globally. It has a diverse and rich heritage. To celebrate the vibrant Islamic Heritage, the government of Ontario has declared October to be the Islamic Heritage Month.

By the grace and blessings of the Almighty, we were able to organize our first Islamic heritage expo on Oct 27, 2018 at the Vaughan City Hall and since then it has become an annual tradition. The event provided an opportunity for the public to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding Islamic history and the diverse roles and contributions of Muslims in their community.

In light of the current COVID pandemic, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (Vaughan) wants to request that the city would help us promote our virtual event being held on October 17<sup>th</sup> to mark Islamic Heritage Celebration. With a focus on Islamic Architecture, this year we bring to the citizens of Vaughan a 360° virtual tour of Bait ul Islam mosque, a dramatized children's tableau, short documentary compilations and much more! For more information on the topic and to find out how to register, please visit us at [www.islamicheritagemonth.org](http://www.islamicheritagemonth.org)

Most importantly, we would want to request access to the city's electronic message boards to advertise the event so that the public can join us in our celebration.

On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Vaughan, I will look forward to your help and support in this regard.

Yours truly,

Nadeem Mahmood

416-616-7925

In The Name of Allah, The Gracious, Ever Merciful

# ISLAMIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2020



Registration Link

[www.IslamicHeritageMonth.org](http://www.IslamicHeritageMonth.org)



**October 17, 2020 @ 11:00 AM**

**LIVE Streamed on YouTube**

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**Date:** October-05-20 9:49:28 AM

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## Rizmi Deputation

Earlier, Robert Kennedy has provided major outstanding issues that surround this proposed development in his deputation which I believe needs to be addressed, monitored closely and communicated to our community as the project progresses.

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Regards,  
Donna

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