

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, November 09, 2021

TITLE: MENORAH LIGHTING

FROM:

Regional Councillor Linda Jackson

Whereas, the City of Vaughan recognizes the celebration of Hanukkah through a Menorah lighting ceremony; and

Whereas, the first lighting of the Menorah will take place at nightfall on November 28th and consecutively be lit for the eight-day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, commemorating the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, to symbolize the miracle; and

Whereas, many members of the Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge have requested that the Menorah be displayed to provide a social distanced visual symbolism and celebration for the community.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the Menorah Lighting Ceremony organized by Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge be held on from nightfall on November 28th – nightfall on December 6th;
2. That the Menorah structure be placed and lit at the Vellore Hall Park, with the appropriate support of City of Vaughan staff, including but not limited to, assisting with the set-up of the Menorah if required;
3. That all activities held inside the Vellore Hall be charged in accordance with approved rental rates; and
4. That the City of Vaughan will honour this commitment should the Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge wish to hold the Menorah Lighting Ceremony annually at the Vellore Hall Park.