

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –  
AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM, CANADA**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 21 – 28, 2004 be proclaimed as “KHALIFATUL MASIH WEEK”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release.

**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the National General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Canada.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

A request has been received from the National General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Canada to proclaim June 21 – 28, 2004 as “KHALIFATUL MASIH WEEK”; (Attachment #1)

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City’s Proclamation Policy: *“That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters: which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act”.*

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Canada has requested the City publicize this proclamation to welcome and acknowledge the historic visit of his holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the spiritual leader and the supreme head of more than 160 million strong world wide members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City’s website under “Events – Proclamations”. Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on space availability.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending the week of June 21 – 28, 2004 be proclaimed as “KHALIFATUL MASIH WEEK” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Correspondence from the National General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Canada, dated May 28, 2004

**Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

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John D. Leach, City Clerk



ATTACHMENT NO. 1

May 28, 2004

Mr. John Leach  
City Clerk  
City of Vaughan  
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Attns  
Mr. John Leach.  
City Clerk

**Re: Visit of Supreme Head of Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community,  
His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.**

Dear Mr. Leach,

With reference to our request to Mayor DiBiase, I am pleased to inform you about the much anticipated visit of the supreme head of worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, in Canada and especially in the city of Vaughan.

On behalf of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, I would like to request your assistance in organizing the welcome of his holiness on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

Please find details of the visit along with our formal request for a befitting welcome for the spiritual leader and the supreme head of more than 160 million strong worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community. His holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the 5th Caliph (Khalifatul Masih) of Ahmadi Muslims and is currently based in London, England.

This is a great honour for the members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community living in Vaughan that his holiness will be staying in our city of Vaughan during his 15-day trip to Canada. He will be arriving on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will stay here until July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The community is planning a grand welcome for him at the Baitul Islam Mosque. A very large number of members of the community will be present to welcome him. We are anticipating this number in thousands.

The welcome ceremonies will start at around 3:00pm on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2004 at the Baitul Islam Mosque. We would like to request for all the assistance and for full protocol to his holiness on his arrival and during his stay.

In summary, we are requesting the following:

- High Officials including, the Mayor, Councilors, the Chief of Police and other dignitaries are present to welcome his holiness at the Mosque.
- "Guard of Honour" by York Region Police
- Presentation of "Key of the City" of Vaughan
- Presentation of honorary citizenship of the City of Vaughan
- Proclamation of June 21 to June 28 as "Khalifatul Masih Week"
- Road closure for Ahmadiyya Avenue on June 21, 2004 from 2pm to 8pm.
- Use of vacant city land (Hwy 400/Teston Rd) for parking purposes from June 21 to July 5.
- Waiver of maximum three hour limit for Parking on Ahmadiyya Avenue from June 21 to July 5.
- Permission to display welcome banners on Jane St. and Ahmadiyya Avenue from June 21 to July 5.
- Permission to build a temporary ceremonial welcome gate on Ahmadiyya Avenue from June 21 to July 5.

We will be highly obliged, if the city could offer the above to welcome and acknowledge the historic visit. We request you to kindly direct relevant persons and departments for organizing the above.

Thanking you in anticipation

Sincerely,



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- Joseph Chiarelli – Manager of Special Projects, Licensing and Permits