# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 18, 2005

## FLAG RAISING REQUEST -RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN TORONTO

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

That the Russian flag be raised on Friday, June 10, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. for the balance of that day at the Civic Centre to commemorate the National Day of the Russian Federation.

## Purpose

To respond to a request received from the Roman Ostrovsky & Associates.

## **Background - Analysis and Options**

Mr. Roman Ostrosky has requested that the Russian flag be raised at noon on Friday June 10, 2005 at the Civic Centre to commemorate the National Day of the Russian Federation (Attachment #1). At the annual barbeque reception given by Mr. Nikolay in 2004, it was suggested by Mayor Di Biase that a request be forwarded to the City of Vaughan requesting a flag raising ceremony at City Hall. Council has previously approved a similar flag raising request to commemorate the anniversary of Philippine Independence.

## 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**

It is recommended that the Russian flag be raised at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2005 at the Civic Centre for the remainder of that day.

## Attachment

Attachment #1 Letter from Mr. Roman Ostrovsky, dated April 5, 2005

## Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT #1

April 5 , 2005

Mr. J. D. Leach City Clerk City of Vaughan

2141 Major Mackenzie Drive , Vaughan , Ontario , L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Leach,

Please find enclosed an invitation to a barbeque reception to celebrate the National Day of the Russian Federation . My wife, Alla, and I are looking forward to welcoming you to our home.

Last year at the barbeque reception, in his speech, Mayor Michael Di Biase kindly invited us to have the Russian flag raised during a ceremony at City Hall.

On behalf of the Honourable Mr. Nikolay Smirnov, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Toronto I would like to ask you to have this ceremony on Friday, June 10, 2005 at around 12.30 P.M.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be highly appreciated.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

6 Roman Ostrovsky

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