

**SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT REQUEST
COMMUNITY EVENT – INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL
JULY 30, 31, AUGUST 1, 2005**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That for liquor licensing purposes, the International Drama Festival, to be held on July 30, July 31 and August 1, 2005 at the City Playhouse Theatre at 1000 Westminster Drive, be declared an event of municipal and/or community significance; and

That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission be advised that the municipality has no objection to the event taking place.

Economic Impact

None

Purpose

To respond to the request of Mr. Sujoy Kanungo, President, Sringer and organizer of the 5th Annual International Drama Festival (Attachment No. 1).

Background - Analysis and Options

Mr. Sujoy Kanungo, President, Sringer has requested that the City of Vaughan recognize the 5th Annual International Drama Festival as a community festival of Vaughan for the purposes of obtaining a liquor license at a reduced rate.

The event is being held July 30, 32 and August 1, 2005 at the City Playhouse Theatre and will attract guests from Canada and the United States. The organization will be obtaining a liquor license from the LCBO for the event. The City Playhouse is not licensed to serve liquor and renters using the facility apply for their own liquor license. Most recently the event was held at the City Playhouse Theatre on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2004. At that time Council passed a resolution declaring the event to be one of municipal and/or community significance.

The event is organized by the Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation and is a non-profit organization based in Toronto. In the past the event has been held in Toronto and the City of Toronto recognized the event as a community event which is required in order to be able to apply for a liquor license.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) issues various types of special occasion permits depending on the type of event and the nature of the organization sponsoring the event. In this case, the AGCO requires a resolution from the Council of the municipality declaring the event to be of municipal and/or community significance and that there is no objection to the event being held.

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

The annual International Drama Festival is an event of municipal/community significance that has been held for the past four years. This year it will be held in the City of Vaughan at the City Playhouse Theatre, 1000 Westminster Drive. As the City of Vaughan Council has passed a resolution last year recognizing this event for liquor licensing purposes, it would be appropriate for Council to pass a similar resolution as contained in the staff recommendation.

Attachments

Attachment No. 1 - Correspondence from Sujoy Kanuno, President - Sringer, dated May 20, 2005

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach

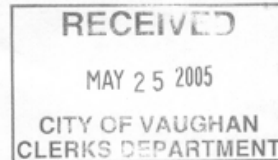
Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

SRINGAR'S 5th Annual International Drama Festival
(A Branch of Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation)
(A non profit organization)

May 20, 2005

City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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Attention: Mr. John Leach, City Clerk

Re: Request to obtain liquor license for July 30, July 31 and August 1, 2005

Dear Sir:

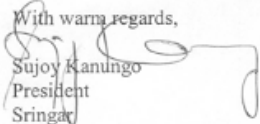
Please accept this letter as a request to obtain a letter from the city councilor for a reduced rate liquor license. The 5th Annual International East Indian Drama festival in City Playhouse Theatre at 1000 Westminster Drive in the city of Vaughan on July 30, July 31 and August 1, 2005.

Last year the same event took place in the same venue and I had received a letter from the councilor as requested. Based on the councilor's letter we obtained liquor license in reduced rate.

This annual drama event also makes a great contribution to our arts and culture to our Bengali Community throughout our City, Province and our Country. The proceeds from this show will be donated to various community charitable organizations.

Do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if any information is needed.

With warm regards,


Sujoy Kanungo
President
Sringar

(A branch of Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation Regd # 1449041)
A Not-for-Profit Organization.

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