

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 1, 2006

PROCLAMATION REQUEST
ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2006

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2006 be proclaimed as “Asian Heritage Month” in the City of Vaughan; 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 from the Founder, Human Endeavour, dated April 24, 2006 (Attachment #1).

Background - Analysis and Options

The attached request to proclaim May as Asian Heritage Month in the City of Vaughan was received from the Founder, Human Endeavour, an organization committed to Social Change. Three associates of Human Endeavour include appointed members of the City of Vaughan’s Community Relations Committee and Accessibility Advisory Committee. This proclamation will bring awareness of the Asian contribution to the settlement, growth and development of Canada.

Although the organization requesting that the City proclaim May as Asian Heritage Month does not meet the City’s Proclamation Policy, in that the organization is not a registered charity with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the City has Proclaimed Asian Heritage Month in the past.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, particularly ‘A-1, “Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services” and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 2006 be proclaimed as “Asian Heritage Month” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachment

Attachment #1 Correspondence from the Founder, Human Endeavour,
dated April 24, 2006.

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach,
City Clerk

Janice Atwood-Petkovski,
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services



Human Endeavour

An Organization Committed to Social Change

Mayor Michael Di Biase and Council
City of Vaughan
Ontario, Canada

April 24, 2006

Subject: Proclamation Request for Asian Heritage Month - May 2006

Your Worship and Members of Council,

On behalf of Human Endeavour, I wish to request that you proclaim the month of May 2006 as Asian Heritage Month in the City of Vaughan, as it was done in the year 2005.

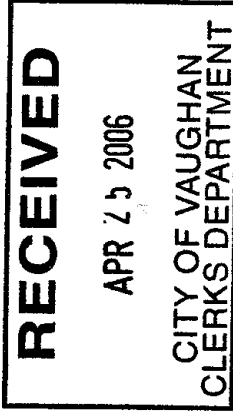
Asia is the largest continent and a large majority of Asian immigrants from various countries enrich the cultural mosaic of Canada. The contribution of Asians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada are vast and the federal government acknowledged their role by proclaiming the month of May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. Vaughan followed the lead and proclaimed May 2005 as the Asian Heritage Month in Vaughan. I want to request that this proclamation be announced for May 2006 as well.

I will look forward to your positive reply. Thanks.

Yours truly,

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