COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 29, 2006

PROCLAMATION REQUEST - NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 21, 2006 be proclaimed as "National Aboriginal Day";
- That the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release; and
- 3) That the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 29, 2006, be received.

Economic Impact

None

Purpose

To respond to the request received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, dated April 18, 2006

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, to proclaim June 21, 2006 as National Aboriginal Day (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy: "If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter".

National Aborginal Day is part of the "Celebrate Canada!" Program, which also includes Saint Jean-Baptist, Canadian Multiculturalism Day and Canada Day. This special day would highlight the unique heritage, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

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

It is being recommended that June 21, 2006 be proclaimed NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release.

Attachments

Attachment #I - Letter from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, dated April 18, 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
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April 18, 2006

CLERK'S DEPT.

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Subject: National Aboriginal Day

Madam, Sir:

On June 21, share in the celebration of National Aboriginal Day – a special day to highlight the unique heritage, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. National Aboriginal Day is part of the "Celebrate Canada!" Program, which also includes Saint-Jean-Baptiste (June 24), Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27) and Canada Day (July 1).

As National Aboriginal Day celebrates its 10th Anniversary, the Government of Canada encourages you to take part in a local event or to help organize activities in your area. To help you promote National Aboriginal Day, posters and other products are available free of charge. To order these products, please complete the online order form at www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/nad/ or use the attached form. You will also find on this website more information on National Aboriginal Day.

With your help, we are confident that the 2006 celebrations for this special day will reach more Canadians than ever before.

Yours sincerely,

Dominique Lemieux Director, Public Affairs Communications Branch

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