

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 16, 2007

PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST - FILIPINO-CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF VAUGHAN

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 9, 2007 be proclaimed “**Filipino Day**” to commemorate the 109th anniversary of Philippine Independence;
- 2) That the Philippine Flag be raised on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for the balance of that day at the Civic Centre;
- 3) That a permit be issued at no charge for the Council Chambers for a reception and luncheon; and
- 4) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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. Corporate Communications will, given sufficient lead-time, issue news releases in support of the proclamation.

Purpose

To respond to a request received from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV).

Background - Analysis and Options

The Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV) has requested that the Philippine flag be raised at noon on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the Civic Centre to commemorate the 109th anniversary of Philippine Independence (Attachment #1). A number of municipalities will be raising the flag including Toronto, Mississauga, Markham and Brampton to commemorate the event. As well, Vaughan Council approved a similar request in previous years. Following the flag raising, the Association has requested permission to use the Council Chambers and front lawn for a reception and a luncheon of Filipino food. The event is to end at 5:00 p.m.

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.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

It is recommended that Saturday, June 9, 2007 be proclaimed as Filipino Day, that the Philippine flag be raised at noon at the Civic Centre for the remainder of that day, that a permit be issued at no charge for the Council Chambers and front lawn for a reception and luncheon, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

- Attachment #1 Letter from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV), dated April 2, 2007
- Attachment #2 Letter from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV), dated March 27, 2007

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach,
City Clerk

Janice Atwood-Petkovski,
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services



Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV) ATTACHMENT #1

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April 2 2007

Mr. John Leach
City Clerk
City of Vaughan

Re: Philippine Flag Raising and Filipino Day

Dear Mr. Leach:

Due to conflicting schedule of the Planning Committee, despite our initial meeting, and to ensure that our Consul General is attending, I would like to respectfully request that the Philippine flag raising and Filipino Day be changed to Saturday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (from Sunday, June 10, starting at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause and I thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

Erlinda Insigne
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cc: Her Worship, Linda Jackson, Mayor City of Vaughan
Hon. Alejandro B. Mosquera, Consul-General, Toronto

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FAX TRANSMISSION

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DATE: April 2, 2007

TO: Mr. John Leach, City Clerk

FROM: Edrinda Arsigne

FAX NO.: (905) 832-8535

NO. OF PAGES (Including Cover): 2

MESSAGE:

Mr. Leach,

As per my phone this morning, I
am faxing you the requested change.

Thank you

Edrinda Arsigne

Cell # 416 670-4498



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Mr. John Leach
City Clerk
City of Vaughan

Dear Mr. Leach:

To commemorate the 109th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag on Sunday, June 10, 2007, 10:00 a.m., at the City Civic Centre. As well, I would like to request that Sunday, June 10, be proclaimed "Filipino Day". This day is very important for us Filipinos as we pay tribute to our forefathers who fought for our freedom.

Every year, as we celebrate the Philippine Independence Day, we raise the Philippine flag in Toronto, Mississauga, Markham, Brampton, and other cities. As well, Filipino Day or Philippine Heritage Week were proclaimed by City Mayors of Saskatoon, Brampton and Barrie. Last year, in the City of Vaughan, "Filipino Day" was proclaimed and the Philippine flag was raised to celebrate the Philippine Independence Day. This year, we would like to do it again. It should be noted that the City of Vaughan is a twin city of Baguio, Philippines.

Following the flag raising, I would like to request permission to use the City Chamber for program and entertainment provided by the members of the Planning Committee (Philippine Heritage Band, BIBAK, First Filipino Canadian, Filipino Seniors Club, Leyteno Association and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan) and to use the City Hall front lawn to serve lunch (Filipino food). I would like the event to end at 3 p.m.

I thank you for your prompt attention on this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Erlinda Insigne
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.cc: Her Worship, Linda Jackson, Mayor City of Vaughan
Hon. Alejandro B. Mosquera, Consul-General, Toronto

