

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 20, 2009

PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST – FILIPINO DAY JUNE 14, 2009

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That Sunday, June 14, 2009 be proclaimed "Filipino Day" to commemorate the 111th anniversary of Philippine Independence;
- 2) That the Philippine Flag be raised on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 11 a.m. for the balance of that day at the Civic Centre;
- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page space permitting; and
- 4) That a permit be issued on Sunday June 14, 2009 to the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan at "no cost" to use Council Chambers and the Civic Centre Foyer for a reception and luncheon

Economic Impact

Approval to grant a permit at "no cost" will impact permitting revenues generated.

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.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 25, 2009. (Attachment #1)

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 25, 2009 to proclaim Sunday June 14, 2009 as "Filipino Day", to raise the Philippine Flag at 11 a.m. on that day, to commemorate the 111th anniversary of Philippine Independence. (Attachment #1) The Association is planning a reception and luncheon, including entertainment, following the flag raising ceremony, and have requested permission to use Council Chambers and the Civic Centre Foyer. Council has granted this request in the past.

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to municipal business.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

Staff is recommending that June 14, 2009 be proclaimed "Filipino Day", that the Philippine Flag be raised at 11 a.m. at the Civic Centre for the remainder of that day, that a permit be issued at no charge for the Council Chamber and Civic Centre foyer 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 – Correspondence from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan,
dated March 25, 2009

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Admin Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan

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March 25, 2009

Mr. Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ont., L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Abrams:

To commemorate the 111th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag on Sunday, June 14, 2009, 11:00 a.m., at the City Civic Center. As well, I would like to request that Sunday, June 14 be proclaimed "Filipino Day". This day is very significant 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 was proclaimed in Brampton, Barrie and Saskatoon. Last year, "Filipino Day" was proclaimed in the City of Vaughan 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 Society of Vaughan, Filipino Seniors Club, Leyteno Association and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan) and to use the City Hall Foyer to serve lunch (Filipino food). I would like the event to end at 3 p.m.

Thank you for your prompt attention on this matter & I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Erlinda Insigne
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President

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

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