

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 3, 2012

PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENT REQUEST FILIPINO DAY JUNE 3, 2012

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That Sunday, June 3, 2012 be proclaimed "Filipino Day" to commemorate the 114th anniversary of Philippine Independence;
- 2) That the Philippine Flag be raised on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 11 a.m. for the balance of that day at Vaughan City Hall;
- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online; and
- 4) That a permit be issued on Sunday, June 3, 2012 to the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan to use the Multi-Purpose Room and Courtyard for a reception and entertainment upon payment of the appropriate fees for overtime staffing costs.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

The city is unable to accommodate the Association's request that the use of City facilities be at no cost. Permit fees will fund the costs associated with staffing this event on a weekend.

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the President of the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan, dated February 27, 2012. (Attachment 1).

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the President of the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan, dated February 27, 2012 to proclaim Sunday, June 3, 2012 as "Filipino Day" and to raise the Philippine Flag at 11 a.m. on that day to commemorate the 114th anniversary of Philippine Independence (Attachment 1). The Association is planning a reception including entertainment, following the flag raising ceremony, and have requested permission to use the Multi-Purpose Room and Courtyard. Council has granted this request in previous years.

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to a matter within the City's jurisdiction. The City of Vaughan signed a Friendship Agreement with Baguio City, Philippines in October 1997.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular "Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture".

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that June 3, 2012 be proclaimed "Filipino Day", that the Philippine Flag be raised at 11 a.m. at Vaughan City Hall for the remainder of that day, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online, that a permit be issued to use the Multi-Purpose Room and Courtyard upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the President of the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan, dated February 27, 2012

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



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February 27, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Abrams:


To commemorate the 114th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag on Sunday, June 3, 2012, 11:00 a.m., at Vaughan City Hall. As well, I would like to request that Sunday, June 3 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. Last year, the City of Vaughan proclaimed "Filipino Day" and we raised the Philippine flag 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 square 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 activity room 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 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,


Erlinda Insigne
President

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.cc: Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor, City of Vaughan
Honourable Pedro Chan, Consul General, Philippine Consulate Toronto