



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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| Date: | JUNE 19, 2012 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE |
| Title: | MAYOR'S TRAVEL FROM COMPASSION TO ACTION: POLAND AND ISRAEL, OCTOBER 21 – 30, 2012 |
| Submitted by: | MAYOR MAURIZIO BEVILACQUA IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS OF COUNCIL |

WHEREAS, The Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre (FSWC) for Holocaust Studies works to improve Canadian society by exposing hate and anti-Semitism, supports projects which promote tolerance, justice and human rights; carries out projects and programs in areas such as Workshops, Seminars, International Programs and Activities, Education Programs in Canada and Tolerance Education in Canada;

WHEREAS, Vaughan is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada with an ever increasing ethnic and social diversity as demonstrated by the fact that more than 70 different languages are spoken. As identified in the City's Diversity Strategy - *Vaughan's Greatest Asset* - Goal 1: It is key to communicate and promote the City of Vaughan's commitment to a unified community that recognizes and is responsive to cultural differences, promotes and protect rights, and celebrates diversity. In addition, the Economic Development Strategy: Building a Gateway to Tomorrows Economy, Goal 4.3.2 advocates that the City engage GTA-based organizations that reflect the ethnic/cultural diversity of the City, to leverage their networks and connections;

WHEREAS, an invitation was received by the Office of the Mayor from the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies to participate in travel to Israel and Poland, to represent the City as a member of the Canadian delegation in the 2012 "Compassion to Action" Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies Mission – October 21 – 30, 2012;

WHEREAS, per the Council Expense Policy 01.37, all international travel outside Canada and the United States must be approved by Council;

WHEREAS, the "Compassion to Action" Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies Mission to Poland and Israel is an excellent opportunity to promote and understand the cultural diversity of our city and aligns to the City's Diversity Strategy;

It is therefore recommended that Council approve Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua to accept an invitation from the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies to represent the City and participate in the Compassion to Action Mission to Poland and Israel 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maurizio Bevilacqua'.

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.