

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 2, 2004

PROCLAMATIONS POLICY

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services recommends that a Proclamations Policy be established from and after the date of this report to provide:

“That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue proclamations only for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization which provides evidence satisfactory to the Clerk that such organization is registered under the *Charitable Institutions Act* or,
- (ii) 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.”

Purpose

To establish a new Proclamations Policy for the City.

Background - Analysis and Options

The history of the treatment of proclamations by the City is as follows:

Prior to November 23, 1998

All requests received by the Mayor were forwarded to the Clerk. These requests would be placed before Council in a report prepared by the Clerk recommending approval. There were no criteria in place at that time requiring attention to the nature of the specific proclamation request. Council would authorize the issuance of proclamations and no proclamation request was refused.

November 23, 1998 – April 2, 2001

Council adopted a policy that the City would issue no proclamations.

April 2, 2001 – November 26, 2002

Council adopted a policy that the City would issue proclamations only for events of a municipal purpose.

December 16, 2003

Council requested staff provide a report defining the intent of “municipal purpose”.

June 9, 2003

Council considered a report from the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services defining Municipal Purpose and the recommendation was referred back to the Commissioner for review.

January 27, 2004

The Proclamations Policy was discussed by Council in an open Committee of the Whole (Working Session). Staff was directed to bring back a report and recommendation.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff continues to receive inquiries regarding proclamations. Adoption of the recommendation would clarify the City's position.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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