

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 7, 2004

**SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT REQUEST -
COMMUNITY EVENT - EAST INDIAN DRAMA FESTIVAL
JULY 30, 31, AUGUST 1, 2004**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That for liquor licensing purposes, the East Indian Drama Festival, to be held on July 30, July 31 and August 1, 2004 at the City Playhouse Theatre at 1000 Westminster Drive, be declared an event of municipal and/or community significance; and

That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission be advised that the municipality has no objection to the event taking place.

Purpose

To respond to the deputation of Mr. Sujoy Kanungo, President of the Sringer Bengali Radio Program and organizer of the 4th Annual International East Indian Drama festival. (Attachment No. 1).

Background - Analysis and Options

At a deputation on March 8, 2004, Mr. Sujoy Kanungo, President of the Sringer Bengali Radio Program requested that the City of Vaughan recognize that the 4th Annual International East Indian Drama festival as a community festival of Vaughan for the purposes of obtaining a liquor license at a reduced rate. Council requested at the Committee of the Whole meeting that City staff report back on the matter.

The event is being held July 30, 32 and August 1, 2004 at the City Playhouse Theatre and attracts approximately 1,500 guests from Canada and the United States. The organization will be obtaining a liquor license from the LCBO for the event. The City Playhouse is not licensed to serve liquor and renters using the facility apply for their own liquor license.

The event is organized by the Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation and is a for profit organization based in Toronto. For the past three years the event has been held in Toronto at the Leah Posluns Theatre in the City of Toronto. The City of Toronto recognized the event as a community event which is required in order to be able to apply for a liquor license.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) issues various types of special occasion permits depending on the type of event and the nature of the organization sponsoring the event. In this case, the AGCO requires a resolution from the Council of the municipality declaring the event to be of municipal and/or community significance and that there is no objection to the event being held.

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.

Conclusion

The annual East Indian Drama Festival is an event of municipal/community significance that has been held for the past three years in the City of Toronto. This year it will be held in the City of Vaughan at the City Playhouse Theatre, 1000 Westminster Drive. As the City of Toronto Council has passed resolutions for the past three years recognizing this event for liquor licensing purposes, it would be appropriate for Council to pass a similar resolution as contained in the staff recommendation.

Attachments

Correspondence from the Sringar Radio Program, dated February 12, 2004

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

SRINGAR RADIO PROGRAM
(A Branch of Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation)

February 12, 2004

City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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Attention: Mr. John Leach, City Clerk

Re: Request to appear for deputation at the committee of the whole meeting of March 1, 2004 to obtain liquor license at a reduced rate.

Dear Sir:

Please accept this letter as a request to recognize my event to be a community festival to obtain liquor license from LCBO. I am hosting the 4th Annual International East Indian Drama festival in City Playhouse Theatre at 1000 Westminister Drive in the city of Vaughan on July 30, July 31 and August 1, 2004. I am expecting about 1500 guests for this event from all over Canada and United States.

This annual drama event also makes a great contribution to our arts and culture to our Bengali Community throughout our City, Province and our Country as well as the Bengali community of United States.

For the last three years the same event took place in Leah Posluns Theatre in the City of Toronto. The City of Toronto has recognized this event as a community event and has granted the permission to apply for liquor license at a reduced rate and I have been obtaining liquor license for the last three years for the same community event. The famous microbrewery Sleeman has been our major sponsor for the last two years and they have been very happy and would like to continue to promote through our community event.

Do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if any information is needed.

With warm regards,

Sujoy Kanungo
President
Sringar Bengali Radio Program
(A branch of Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation Regd # 1449041)

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Friends:

On behalf of *Sringar*, I am delighted to welcome you to the 4th Annual Bengali Drama Competition. Your generous support during the three previous years has given us the encouragement and confidence to present this programme for the 4th year running. Last year we had 7 competitors vying for the coveted prizes and the competition was adjudged by Rudraprasad Sengupta, Swatilekha Sengupta and Gautam Halder. This year we have competitors that will travel from far away places like Houston and Long Island to take part in the competition. This year's event will be judged by three distinguished theatre luminaries from Kolkata – Manoj Mitra, Meghnad Bhattacharya and Ranmmaprosad Banik. As a theatre personalities they have won hearts of theatre lovers for decades in India and abroad. It, therefore, gives me great pleasure to note that the three eminent personalities will be performing on stage for the first time in Toronto during this year's event.

I invite you to enjoy and celebrate the competition with your family and friends and I take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your support in making the event a success. I must also hasten to record my gratitude towards the sponsors, advertisers, donors and above all, the competitors and volunteers whose generous help and co-operation have built the foundation of our project. Our special thanks go to the judges and the City of Toronto and Vaughan for their liberal support.

Warm regards,

Sujoy

4th Annual International
one-hour one act Bengali drama competition™

City Playhouse Theatre

1000 New Westminster Drive
Vaughan, Ontario, Canada.
July 30, 31 and August 1, 2004

Eminent Personalities from Bengali stage are being invited as Judges



manoj mitra



ramaprasad banik



meghnad bhattacharya

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Awards will be made in following categories:

- (1) *Best Director*
- (2) *2 Prizes for Best Actors (Male or Female)*
- (3) *Best Production*

Sringar (A branch of Indo-Canada Overseas Broadcasting Corporation) Live Bengali Radio Program. 1540 am & 91.9 fm.
Every Sunday 6:30-7:30am(EST) www.chinradio.com

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