

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST**  
**ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2005**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2005 be proclaimed as “Asian Heritage Month” in the City of Vaughan; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release.

**Purpose**

To respond to the request from The Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario).

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The attached request from The Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) to proclaim May as Asian Heritage Month in the City of Vaughan was forwarded by Councillor Yeung Racco with a request that it be added to the Committee of the Whole agenda.

Although the organization requesting that the City proclaim May as Asian Heritage Month does not meet the City’s Proclamation Policy, in that the organization is not a registered charity with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the City has Proclaimed Asian Heritage Month in the past.

**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**

Staff is recommending that May 2005 be proclaimed as “Asian Heritage Month” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

**Attachment**

1. Correspondence from The Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario)

**Report prepared by:**

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Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Leach  
City Clerk

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Mayor Michael Di Biase and Council  
City of Vaughan  
Ontario

RE: Asian Heritage Month,2005

Your Worship and Members of Council,

On behalf of \*The Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario), I wish to request that you proclaim May as Asian Heritage Month. The Honourable Vivienne Poy's motion for AHM was unanimously adopted at the Senate and duly signed in 2002. You would agree that this initiative is an integral part of Multicultural Canada.

We, a group of interested Canadians from GTA, have been focussing our energy on promoting Asian Heritage Month since its inception. Our objective is to promote peace, harmony and understanding among all Canadians. Our Committee is composed of representatives from well-known organizations, such as The Toronto, Peel and Halton School Boards, The Association of Progressive Muslims, Peel Regional Police, just to name a few.

In May 2005, we plan to rally the students in ten school boards to participate in sports and other activities in Asian festivals. Most of all, we will encourage our younger generation to contemplate and act upon an Asian virtue; we have chosen "RESPECT" to be our theme this year. We hope to make a difference in our society – albeit small.

Should you need me to come and make a deputation, I would be glad to do so. I would also like to invite the City of Vaughan to be an Honorary Associate of our association. I hope you will accept our earnest plea to join this worthwhile cause. If you need more information, please feel free to call me. I look forward to your favourable reply. Thank you!

Yours truly,

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**\* P.S. The Society is in the process of incorporating and our name may be subject to change by the Registrar of Corporations.**

Enclosures: Backgrounder/Members' list/National celebration