COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 4, 2005

FLAG RAISING REQUEST - FILIPINO-CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF VAUGHAN

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- That the Philippine Flag be raised on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 12:00 noon for the balance of that day at the Civic Centre to commemorate the 107th anniversary of Philippine Independence; and
- 2) That a permit be issued at no charge for the Council Chambers for a reception and luncheon.

Purpose

To respond to a request received from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV) has requested that the Philippine flag be raised at noon on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the Civic Centre to commemorate the 107th anniversary of Philippine Independence (Attachments #1 and #2). A number of municipalities will be raising the flag including Toronto, Mississauga and Markham to commemorate the event. As well, Vaughan Council approved a similar request last year. Following the flag raising, the Association has requested permission to use the Council Chambers for a reception and a luncheon of Filipino food.

It is noted that the City of Vaughan signed a Friendship Agreement with Baguio City in the Philippines on April 25, 1997.

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

It is recommended that the Philippine flag be raised at noon on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the Civic Centre for the remainder of that day.

Attachments

Attachment #1 Letter from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV), dated March 8, 2005

Attachment #2 Email from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV) dated March 22, 2005

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT # 1

Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV) 7894 Dufferin St., Vaughan, Ontario, L4K 1R6, Tel: (995) 881-4600, email: fcav@rog

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March 8, 2005

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By fax: (905) 832-8535

Mr. John Leach City Clerk City of Vaughan

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Dear Mr. Leach:

On behalf of the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag on Sunday, June 12, 2005, 12:00 noon, at the City Civic Centre to commemorate the 107 years of Philippine Independence. This day is very significant in the history of the Filipinos as we pay tribute to our forefathers who fought for our freedom.

Every year, as we celebrate the Philippine Independence Day on June 12, we raise the Philippine flag in Toronto, Mississauga, Markham and other cities. This year, with the City of Vaughan's permission, we would like to raise it again at the Civic Centre. The raising of Philippine flag is more fitting at the Civic Centre because of the Friendship Agreement that binds the City of Vaughan and Baguio City.

Following the flag raising, we would also like to request permission to use the City Chamber for reception and lunch. - serving Filipino food. We would like to end the event by 3:00 p.m. at the latest.

I thank you for your prompt attention on this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Erlinda Insigne

President

.cc: His Worship, Michael Di Biase, Mayor City of Vaughan Hon. Alejandro B. Mosquera, Consul-General, Toronto

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From: FILIPINO CANADIAN ASSOC OF V. [fcav@rogers.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:54 AM

To: Leach, John

Cc: Di Biase, Michael; Alejandro Mosquera; einsig0277@rogers.com

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Subject: Philippine Flag Raising Ceremony - June 12

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Dear Mr. Leach,

CLERK'S DEPT.

Due to some guests not able to attend the Flag Raising Ceremony to celebrate the Philippine Independence day on Sunday, June 12, 2005, at 12:00 noon, I would like to respectfully request that the Flag Raising Ceremony date be changed to Saturday, June 11, at 12:00 noon.

I hope you that you will give this matter your prompt consideration and I look forward to hearing from you . Thank you.

Erlinda Insigne