

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 1, 2006

PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY – JUNE 2, 2006

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and the City Clerk recommend:

1. That June 2, 2006, be proclaimed "Italian National Day" to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Italian Republic;
2. That the Italian Flag be raised on the morning of Friday, June 2, 2006;
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release; and
4. That direction be provided with respect to the request to that the Italian Flag remain raised until Sunday, June 4, 2006.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to proclaim June 2, 2006, as "Italian National Day" and that the Italian Flag remain raised from Friday, June 2 to June 4, 2006.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from Mr. Giacomo Parisi requesting that Friday, June 2, 2006, be proclaimed as Italian National Day to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Italian Republic in 1946, and that the Italian Flag be raised that morning and remain raised for three full days (June 2 – June 4, 2006) to coincide with various celebratory events to be held that weekend. The City's policy provides for the flying of another country's flag for one day and direction is requested regarding the request for the flag to be flown additional days.

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy: *"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters: 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".*

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations". Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on space availability. Corporate Communications will, given sufficient lead time, issue news releases in support of the proclamation.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, particularly "A-1", "Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services" and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Friday, June 2, 2006, be proclaimed as Italian National Day and that the Italian Flag be raised that morning, and that direction be provided regarding the request that the flag remain raised for three full days (June 2 – June 4, 2006).

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Mr. Giacomo Parisi

Report prepared by:

R. Magnifico
Assistant City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Atwood-Petkovski
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Subject: FW: re Giacomo Parisi

-----Original Message-----

From: Giacomo Parisi [mailto:parisi145@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 5:26 PM
To: Leach, John
Subject: RE: re Giacomo Parisi

Ciao John thks for all your help... any other info?
rgds

--- "Leach, John" <John.Leach@vaughan.ca> wrote:

> Giacomo I am looking at how best to accommodate your
> requests. The City's flag policy provides for the
> flying of another country's flag for one day, (not 3
> as requested) to commemorate a national day and for
> members of Council to attend at a flag raising
> ceremony. So we can accommodate in this way without
> going to Council for approval. However you also
> asked for a proclamation which would require Council
> approval. This could likely be done if you wish. If
> you do I note that June 2nd is a Friday so what week
> would be proclaimed assuming you still want to
> proceed with a proclamation? John Leach

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Giacomo Parisi [mailto:parisi145@yahoo.com]
> Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 4:35 PM
> To: Leach, John
> Subject: re Giacomo Parisi

> THks for your feed back.. re Italian day in Vaughan

> John in Italy every the 2 of June the Italians all
> over the world celebrate Italian Day with the Rising
> of the Italian Flag... as you are aware there are
> many

> Italians in Vaghan I thought it be Wise if the city
> Of

> Vaughan on the 2 of June recognize the following
> which it could be developed into Italian week in the
> feature ...imagine Restaurants shops could promote
> Italian day In Vaughan I could see allot of media
> attention and the realty keeping the culture alive

> ..
> the request will be the following
> 1/ Declare Italian Day in Vaughan 2 June
> 2/ every 2 June Rising of the flag in the morning at
> the city... attendance Mayor various of politicians
> 3/the flag will up for the duration of 3 days

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