

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 7, 2008

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Recommendation

The Deputy City Clerk in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services/City Solicitor recommends:

- 1) That April 28th, 2008 be proclaimed as a “National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job”;
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page space permitting; and
- 3) That the City of Vaughan flags be lowered to half-mast on April 28th, 2008.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the President of the Labour Council, Toronto and York Region, dated March 31, 2008.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the President of the Labour Council, Toronto and York Region, dated March 31, 2008 to proclaim April 28th, 2008 as a “Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job”, and that the City’s flags be lowered to half mast (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the City’s Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to municipal business.

The Labour Council, Toronto and York Region has also requested the City of Vaughan flags be lowered to half mast. The City of Vaughan Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy includes the provision for the City of Vaughan flags to be flown at half-mast on April 28, National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 28, 2008 be proclaimed "National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page space permitting, and that the City of Vaughan flags be flown at half-mast on April 28th.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Correspondence received from John Cartwright, President, Labour Council ,
Toronto and York Region, dated March 31, 2008

Report prepared by:

Sybil Fernandes, Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk

Janice Atwood-Petkovski
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative
Services/City Solicitor

Attachment 1



March 31, 2008

Mayor Linda Jackson
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Maple L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Jackson:

Re: National Day of Mourning

Since 1991, April 28th has been recognized nationally as the Day of Mourning.

I am writing to ask that the City of Vaughan commemorate this National Day. The Labour Council is requesting that the Town:

1. Officially proclaim Saturday, April 28th as a "Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job".
2. Publicize the proclamation as widely as possible.
3. Lower the Town's flags to half-mast.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Cartwright". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Cartwright
President

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