

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 5, 2008

PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST – FILIPINO DAY JUNE 8, 2008

Recommendation

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

- 1) That Sunday, June 8, 2008 be proclaimed "Filipino Day" to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Philippine Independence;
- 2) That the Philippine Flag be raised on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 11 a.m. for the balance of that day at the Civic Centre;
- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page space permitting; and
- 4) That a permit be issued on Sunday June 8, 2008 to the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan at "no cost" to use Council Chambers and the Civic Centre Foyer for a reception and luncheon

Economic Impact

Approval to grant a permit at "no cost" will impact permitting revenues generated.

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 Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 31, 2008.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 31, 2008 to proclaim Sunday June 8, 2008 as "Filipino Day", to raise the Philippine Flag at 11 a.m. on that day, to commemorate the 110th anniversary of Philippine Independence. (Attachment #1) The Association is planning a reception and luncheon, including entertainment, following the flag raising ceremony, and have requested permission to use Council Chambers and the Civic Centre Foyer. Council has granted this request in the past.

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

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 June 8, 2008 be proclaimed "Filipino Day", that the Philippine Flag be raised at 11 a.m. at the Civic Centre for the remainder of that day, that a permit be issued at no charge for the Council Chamber and Civic Centre foyer for a reception and luncheon, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Correspondence from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 31, 2008

Report prepared by:

Sybil Fernandes, Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

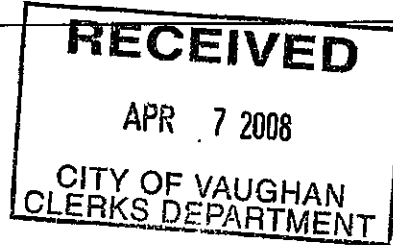
Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk

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



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March 31, 2008

Ms. Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk
City of Vaughan

Dear Ms. Fernandes:

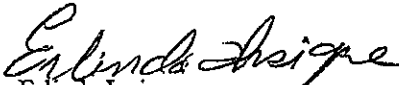
To commemorate the 110th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag on Sunday, June 8, 2008, 11:00 a.m., at the City Civic Centre. As well, I would like to request that Sunday, June 8, be proclaimed "Filipino Day". This day is very important for us Filipinos as we pay tribute to our forefathers who fought for our freedom.

Every year, as we celebrate the Philippine Independence Day, we raise the Philippine flag in Toronto, Mississauga, Markham, Brampton, and other cities. As well, Filipino Day or Philippine Heritage Week were proclaimed by City Mayors of Saskatoon, Brampton and Barrie. Last year, in the City of Vaughan, "Filipino Day" was proclaimed and the Philippine flag was raised to celebrate the Philippine Independence Day. This year, we would like to do it again. It should be noted that the City of Vaughan is a twin city of Baguio, Philippines.

Following the flag raising, I would like to request permission to use the City Chamber for program and entertainment provided by the members of the Planning Committee (Philippine Heritage Band, BIBAK, First Filipino Canadian, Filipino Seniors Club, Leyteno Association and the Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan) and to use the City Hall foyer to serve lunch (Filipino food). I would like the event to end at 3 p.m.

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

Very truly yours,


Erlinda Insigne

.cc: Her Worship, Linda Jackson, Mayor City of Vaughan
Hon. Alejandro B. Mosquera, Consul-General, Toronto