

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 5, 2008

FLAG RAISING REQUEST NATIONAL DAY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Recommendation

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

That the Russian flag be raised on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 12:00 noon. for the balance of that day at the Civic Centre to commemorate the National Day of the Russian Federation.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

In accordance with the Flag Raising/Half-Masting Policy No. 03.25, Corporate Communications will be responsible for related media releases.

Purpose

To respond to the request from Mr. Roman Ostrovsky, on behalf of the Honourable Andrei Veklenko, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Toronto.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received on behalf of the Honourable Andrei Veklenko, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Toronto (refer to Attachment 1), to have a flag raising ceremony at the City of Vaughan on June 11, 2008 at 12:00 noon, to celebrate the National Day of the Russian Federation.

The flag raising request meets the City's Flag Raising/Half-Masting Policy, as follows:

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the municipality the City of Vaughan will fly at the Civic Centre the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, or ethnic group or its representatives."

The Mayor's Office has been advised of the request to participate in the flag raising ceremony.

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 the Russian flag be raised at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the Civic Centre for the balance of that day.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Correspondence received from Mr. Roman Ostrovsky, dated April 17, 2008

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Admin Assistant to City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

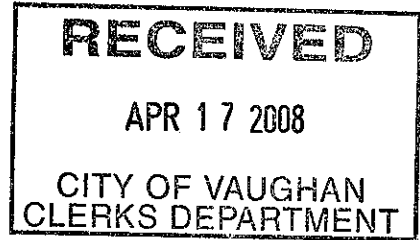
Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk

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

Roman Ostrovsky & Associates

April 17, 2008

Mrs. Sybil Fernandes
Deputy City Clerk
City of Vaughan



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Attachment # 1

Dear Mrs. Fernandes,

Every year, we sponsor a flag raising ceremony at the City of Vaughan to celebrate the National Day of the Russian Federation.

On behalf of the Honourable Mr. Andrei Veklenko, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Toronto I would like to ask you to have this ceremony on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 12 p.m.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be highly appreciated.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Roman Ostrovsky