

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 31, 2009

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 28th, 2009 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, 2009.

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 16, 2009.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the President of the Labour Council, Toronto and York Region, dated March 16, 2009 to proclaim April 28th, 2009 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/Strategic Plan

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, 2009 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 16, 2009

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

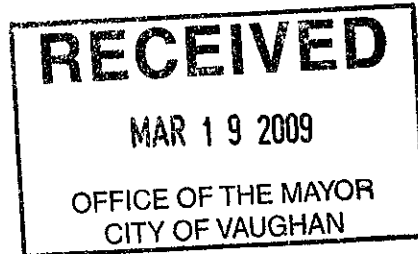
Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk

March 16, 2009



Attachment # 1

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 Tuesday, 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 "John Cartwright".

John Cartwright
President

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