

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MARCH 22, 2011

PROCLAMATION REQUEST NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 28th, 2011 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 Online; and
- 3) That the City of Vaughan flags be lowered to half-mast on April 28th, 2011.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under “Events – Proclamations” and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the President of the Labour Council, Toronto & York Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the President of the Labour Council, Toronto & York Region, dated March 2, 2011 is attached. (Attachment 1)

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

The Labour Council, Toronto & 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 lowered to 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 supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular “Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness”.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 28, 2011 be proclaimed as a "National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job", that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online, and that the City of Vaughan flags be lowered to half-mast on April 28th.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the Labour Council, Toronto & York Region, dated March 2, 2011.

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



March 2, 2011

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua:

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 Wednesday, 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".

John Cartwright
President

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