

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 12, 2011

PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST FILIPINO DAY JUNE 5, 2011

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That Sunday, June 5, 2011 be proclaimed "Filipino Day" to commemorate the 113th anniversary of Philippine Independence;
- 2) That the Philippine Flag be raised on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 11 a.m. for the balance of that day at the new Vaughan City Hall;
- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online; and
- 4) That a permit be issued on Sunday, June 5, 2011 to the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan at "no cost" to use the Multi Purpose Room in the new Vaughan City Hall for a reception.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

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" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 11, 2011 (Attachment 1).

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 11, 2011 to proclaim Sunday, June 5, 2011 as "Filipino Day", to raise the Philippine Flag at 11 a.m. on that day to commemorate the 113th anniversary of Philippine Independence (Attachment 1). The Association is planning a reception including entertainment, following the flag raising ceremony, and have requested permission to use the Council Chambers and Foyer. Council has granted this request in previous years.

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to a matter within the City's jurisdiction. The City of Vaughan signed a Friendship Agreement with Baguio City, Philippines in October 1997.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular "Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture".

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that June 5, 2011 be proclaimed "Filipino Day", that the Philippine Flag be raised at 11 a.m. at the new Vaughan City Hall for the remainder of that day, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online, and that a permit be issued at "no cost" to use the Multi Purpose Room in the new Vaughan City Hall.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from the Filipino Canadian Charitable Association of Vaughan, dated March 11, 2011

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



Filipino Canadian Association of Vaughan

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March 11, 2011

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CITY OF VAUGHAN
CLERKS DEPARTMENT

Dear Mr. Abrams:


To commemorate the 113th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, I would like to respectfully request permission to raise the Philippine flag on Sunday, June 5, 2011, 11:00 a.m., at the City Civic Center. As well, I would like to request that Sunday, June 5 be proclaimed "Filipino Day". This day is very significant 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, Philippine Heritage Week was proclaimed in Barrie and Saskatoon. Last year, "Filipino Day" was proclaimed in the City of Vaughan 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 Society of Vaughan, 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.

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

Very truly yours,


Erlinda Insigne
President

.cc: Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor City of Vaughan
Jesusa Susana Paez, Acting Head of Post, Philippine Consulate General, Toronto