

COUNCIL – APRIL 17, 2012

PROCLAMATION REQUEST NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 28th, 2012 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 throughout this day.

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 Toronto & York Region Labour Council.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the President of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council, dated April 4, 2012 is attached. (Attachment 1) This request was received too late to be placed on the last Committee of the Whole meeting Agenda and the next Committee of the Whole meeting is on April 24, 2012. Due to the time-sensitivity of the proclamation request to proclaim April 28, 2012 as a “National Day of Mourning”, Council is being requested to consider the proclamation as an addendum item.

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

The Toronto & York Region Labour Council has requested the City of Vaughan to proclaim April 28, 2012 as a “National Day of Mourning”. This organization has also requested that the City of Vaughan flags be lowered to half-mast through this day. This is an annual request that the City of Vaughan has endorsed in the past.

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, 2012 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 this day.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the President of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council, dated April 4, 2012.

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



April 4, 2012

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 Saturday, 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 cursive script that reads "John Cartwright".

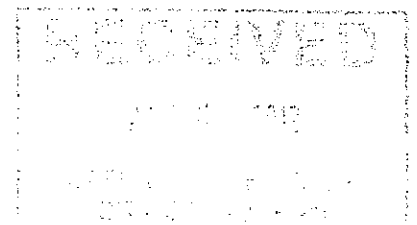
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