



CITY OF VANCOUVER
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
Judy Rogers, City Manager

MEMORANDUM

April 28, 2006

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Judy Rogers, City Manager

SUBJECT: City's Involvement in Celebrating International Events - Options (RTS# 5839)

At the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2006, Council asked the City Manager to provide a memorandum to Council on options for the City's involvement in celebrating international events, such as the International Women's Day. This request was made as the result of the following motion that was brought before Council:

Therefore be it resolved that the Vancouver City Council request staff to work with city partners including the School Board, Park Board, Library Board and Community Associations to recognize and celebrate women throughout the city on International Women's Day for the year 2007.

This motion was postponed pending the receipt of the above-mentioned memorandum from the City Manager.

In the past, the City has acknowledged international and other events in various ways as approved by Council. For example, for some events the Mayor will proclaim a specific day or week in honour of the event. Such events may or may not be announced at a Council meeting and in some instances may include a celebration in the Council Chambers and/or a small reception in the 3rd floor foyer. For other events, the City may hold a flag-raising ceremony on the north side of City Hall.

Presently, the City supports international and other events on an ad hoc basis. A list of Council-approved annual events does not exist nor is funding available for any event unless prior Council approval is provided.

Staff are reviewing the City's involvement in international and other events and expect to bring forward a framework proposing event categories and the type of support for each category for Council's consideration in the next few months.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Judy Rogers
City Manager