

NOTICE OF MOTION

Proclaiming April as Nepali Heritage Month

Moved by: Councillor Neethan Shan

Seconded by: Councillor Amber Morley

SUMMARY:

April 14th marks the celebration of Nepali New Year, one of the most significant cultural occasions for the Nepali community. The celebration marks a time of renewal, unity, and reflection for Nepali-Canadians and is traditionally celebrated through cultural gatherings, community service, and the sharing of Nepal’s rich heritage with the wider public.

Toronto’s Nepali community continues to be a vibrant and growing part of the City’s diverse population. Nepali-Canadians actively make meaningful contributions to support the City’s social, cultural, economic, and civic life through supporting healthcare, education, entrepreneurship, public service, arts, sports, and volunteerism.

Recognizing April as Nepali Heritage Month provides an important opportunity to celebrate Nepal’s history, language, arts, literature, traditions, and values, while fostering cross-cultural understanding, inclusion, and community cohesion citywide.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council proclaim April as “Nepali Heritage Month” for the City of Toronto in 2026, and for future years.
2. City Council request the Province of Ontario to proclaim April as “Nepali Heritage Month” for the Province in 2026 and for future years.
3. City Council request the Government of Canada to proclaim April as “Nepali Heritage Month” for the country in 2026, and for future years.

Date: April 15, 2026