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RE: Permission to broadcast religious hymns and observe religious processions from August 11, 2020 to September 1, 2020 (on the upcoming Hindu festivals of Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi and Onam)

Dear Mayor and City Councillor's,

Hindu Forum Canada, hereby, intends to seek permission to broadcast religious hymns once a day and observe a round of religious processions to celebrate the upcoming Hindu festivals of Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi and Onam starting from August 11, 2020.

Hindu Forum Canada seeks to receive gesture that would allow the local Mandirs (Hindu Temples) to broadcast religious hymns, Gayatri Mantra and Hanuman Chalisa once a day from August 11, 2020 to September 1, 2020, for the purpose of allowing Mississauga (and other) Hindus to celebrate the auspicious occasions of Krishna Janmashtami on August 11, 2020, Ganesh Chaturthi on August 22, 2020 and Onam on August 31, 2020 respectively. Due to the restrictions and challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic, our Hindu diaspora (relocated followers) have not been able to attend Mandirs (Hindu Temples) or observe their religious ceremonies – and thus have been deprived of experiencing much of their culture, religious practices and the experience of having their religious songs being sung publicly during these trying times. Therefore, permitting the Mandirs in the region to broadcast religious hymns at Arti time in the evening at 7 PM for 5 minutes and stage a limited number of religious parades once a week will act as a source of comfort, especially to the seniors who are at a greater risk of infection by COVID-19 and are unable to leave their homes, even now when the economy has at least partially started to re-open.

Sincerely,

Rao Yendamuri,
President
Hindu Forum Canada