

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 22, 2020
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	APPLICATION – ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION THE INSTITUTE FOR THE RESEARCH OF GENOCIDE CANADA

RECOMMENDATION

That, the Civic Administration BE ADVISED as to how Municipal Council wishes to proceed with the attached (Appendix “A”) Proclamation request.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Corporate Services Committee – December 3, 2019
Corporate Services Committee – January 6, 2020

BACKGROUND

The Issuance of Proclamations Policy is attached as Schedule “A” for information purposes.

CONCLUSION

The Civic Administration is seeking direction from the Municipal Council as to how they wish to proceed with the attached (Appendix “A”) proclamation request received on June 15, 2020 from the Institute for the Research of Genocide Canada requesting July 11, 2020 be proclaimed “25 Commemoration of the Srebrenica Genocide”.

The following sets out the review process for Applications for proclamations:

- The cause or event must contribute to the economic, social and cultural fabric of the City of London
- Proclamations will not be issued for the following:
 - i. Matters of political controversy, ideological or religious beliefs or individual conviction
 - ii. Events or organizations with no direct connection to the city
 - iii. Campaigns or events contrary to City of London policies or by-laws
 - iv. National, Independence or Republic Days
 - v. Campaigns or events intended for profit-making purposes
 - vi. Recognition of individuals
 - vii. Recognition of events or organizations that espouse discrimination, hatred, violence or racism
 - viii. Matters attempting to influence government policy
 - ix. Matters designed to incite hatred or disorder

The Civic Administration is seeking direction from Municipal Council with respect to this matter.

SUBMITTED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Appendix "A"

Proclamation Request Form

Requests for the issuance of proclamations are governed by Council Policy (excerpted below). Requests must be received at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date and may be emailed to the City Clerk at ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca or mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 5035 LONDON, ON, N6A 4L9.

Request details

Name of Organization

THE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH OF GENOCIDE CANADA

Date Proclamation Required

JULY 11, 2020.

Proclamation Name

25. COMMEMORATION OF THE SREBRENICA GENOCIDE

Proclamation Type (day), (week), (month)

ONE DAY

Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations)

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Requester Name

EMIR RAMIC

Requester Telephone Number

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Requester Email Address

Requester Address

HAMILTON, ON L8W 0B9

Required Supporting Documents

- Detail information on the Organization
- Detail information on the Event
- Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request

The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws.



Signature

JUNE 13, 2020.

Date

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and may also be used for purposes related to the Issuance of Proclamations Policy and Proclamation Request Form. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk, 3rd floor, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: 519-661-2489, ext. 4937, email: csaunder@london.ca



INSTITUTE FOR THE RESEARCH OF GENOCIDE
CANADA

About Institute For Research of Genocide Canada (IGC)

Institute For Research of Genocide Canada (IGC) is a public scientific institution engaged in analysis of crimes against peace, crime of genocide, and other grave breaches of international law.

www.instituteforgenocide.org

About event

The 11th of July marks a special day for the Bosnian people who live in Canada. It is the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Bosnian Canadian Community and, especially, the survivors of the Srebrenica genocide who reside in Canada would be so thankful if you could issue a statement commemorating the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica. Once again, thank you for everything you do for the Bosnian community in Canada. We are all so incredibly grateful to have your support and recognition.

This year's commemoration begins on Friday, July 10th. So, I kindly ask and would be thankful if it could be done by that date.

Explanation:

1. In 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were murdered in Srebrenica by the army, paramilitaries, and police forces of the Republic of Srpska. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Court of Justice have ruled that this massacre was an act of genocide and is highlighted at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.
2. In 2015, the House of Commons passed unanimously a historic motion to recognize the month of April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month and named the ones recognized by Canada's House of Commons, including the Srebrenica Genocide.
3. In 2010, the House of Commons unanimously passed Brian Masse's motion M-416, which recognized the genocide and established Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day in Canada.
4. A monument recognizing the genocide has been dedicated in Jackson Park in Windsor, Ontario.
5. In 2019, Members of the Canadian Parliament tabled Petition e-1837, calling upon the Canadian government to enact legislation that would prohibit Srebrenica Genocide denial in Canada.
6. In some Canadian schools and colleges, students are studying the genocide



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in Srebrenica.

Draft of the Proclamation

Proclamation

25th Anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia, and Herzegovina

WHEREAS, in 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were murdered in Srebrenica by the army, paramilitaries and police forces of the Republic of Srpska. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Court of Justice have ruled that this massacre was an act of genocide and is highlighted at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights,

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Canadian House of Commons unanimously passed Brian Masse's motion M-416, which recognized the genocide and established Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day in Canada,

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WHEREAS, In 2019, Members of the Canadian Parliament tabled Petition e-1837, calling upon the Canadian government to enact legislation that would prohibit Srebrenica Genocide denial in Canada,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor of London recognizes July 11th, 2020 as the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and call on all residents to join survivors of the Srebrenica genocide in Canada in remembering and reflecting on this terrible tragedy and to condemn this act of violence in the strongest possible terms.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Emir Ramic
President of the Institute for Research of Genocide Canada
<http://instituteforgenocide.org/>



Issuance of Proclamations Policy

Policy Name: Issuance of Proclamations Policy

Legislative History: Adopted September 19, 2017 (By-law No. CPOL.-115-367);
Amended July 24, 2018 (By-law No. CPOL.-115(a)-418)

Last Review Date: January 6, 2020

Service Area Lead: City Clerk

1. Policy Statement

1.1 This policy sets out the requirements for the issuance of proclamations.

2. Definitions

2.1 Not applicable.

3. Applicability

3.1 This policy shall apply to any request for the issuance of proclamations on behalf of the City of London.

4. The Policy

4.1. Proclamations are ceremonial documents issued and signed by the Mayor on behalf of City of London Council that officially recognizes public awareness campaigns; charitable fundraising campaigns; and arts and cultural celebrations of organizations that reside/operate within the City of London. The requester must clearly identify the significance and connection of the proclamation to the mandate and goals as set out in the City of London's Strategic Plan. A proclamation does not constitute a personal or civic endorsement.

Application Process

- a) Proclamations requests are to be submitted on the City of London Application form to the City Clerk's Office at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date.
- b) The Application must provide sufficient background information about the organization, cause or event being proclaimed and the proposed text for inclusion in the proclamation. The proposed text is subject to approval by the City of London to ensure compliance with City of London's policies and by-laws.
- c) Upon receipt of the Application, the City Clerk's Office will review the Application in accordance with this Policy and if the Application appears to be in compliance with the Policy, the Application will be placed on the next available Corporate Services Committee meeting for consideration.
- d) The Corporate Services Committee will review the Application and provide a recommendation to the Municipal Council for consideration with respect to the disposition of the Applications.

Administration of Policy:

- e) The cause or event must contribute to the economic, social and cultural fabric of the City of London.
- f) Repeat requests must be submitted on an annual basis.
- g) An organization may request one proclamation per calendar year.
- h) Organization do not have exclusive rights to the day, week, or month being proclaimed.
- i) Proclamations of a similar topic will be issued on a first come first served basis.
- j) The City of London will not incur any expenses relating to the advertising or promotion of a proclamation. Recipients are responsible for the promotion of the proclamation, organization of related activities and for all associated costs.
- k) Proclamations will not be issued for:
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 - Recognition of individuals.
 - Recognition of events or organizations that espouse discrimination, hatred, violence or racism.
 - Matters attempting to influence government policy.
 - Matters designed to incite hatred or disorder.
- l) The City of London reserves the right to refuse to issue a proclamation.