

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2020
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	APPLICATION – ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION FUNG LOY KOK INSTITUTE OF TAOISM 50th ANNIVERSARY

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 September 25, 2020 from Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism requesting November 7, 2020 be proclaimed Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism 50th Anniversary.

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

Proclamation Request Form

APPENDIX "A"

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: Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism
Date Proclamation Required: November 7, 2020
Proclamation Name: Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism 50 th Anniversary Proclamation
Proclamation Type (day, week or month): Day
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations): Arts and cultural celebrations
Requester Name: Doreen Bartlett, Branch Leader, London Branch of the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism
Requester Telephone Number:
Requester Email Address:
Requester Address: home: London, Ontario N6A 2M6 Office: not accessing our office at St. James Westminster, 115 Askin Street, London, Ontario due to the pandemic.
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London: Consistent with one of our primary aims and objectives (i.e. to make the Taoist Tai Chi [®] arts available to

all), we offer participants the opportunity to enrich mental, spiritual, and physical well-being by practicing these arts. Prior to the pandemic, we practiced in 3 locations in London: St. James Westminster (Wortley Village), St. Judes (Fanshawe and Adelaide) and Riverside United (Riverside and Dunedin). In accordance with founder Master Moy Lin Shin, all instructors are volunteers who use the guiding principles of compassion, virtue, and wisdom, in all we do. In celebration of our 40th anniversary of practicing in London, participants described multiple benefits of engaging in practice. A Cross-Canada Survey highlighted benefits to the health-care system by reducing doctors and hospital visits among those who regularly practice. We also contribute to London's economy by renting spaces in church halls. Every year (except during this pandemic) we have participated in many community events, such as The Terry Fox Run, the event for people with Parkinson's Disease, and Gathering on the Green.

Required Supporting Documents: note: details are provided below:

- Detail information on the Organization: a brief description is contained in the draft proclamation letter – our organization does not permit us to paraphrase information about us, preferring instead for all of us to refer parties to our website, which contains a lot of detail. Please see <https://www.taoist.org/>
Attached is a scan of our legal size paper brochure, scanned
- Detail information on the Event – Because of the pandemic, we are not holding an event. We will, however, post the proclamation on our website in celebration of the 50th anniversary. This link provides access to the Anniversary page of our website as it currently exists:
<https://www.taoist.org/50years/>
- Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request. Please accept the draft anniversary proclamation form as evidence of support of the Organization. As leader of the London Branch, I was asked to submit this request from our liaison at Head Office (please see contact information in the footer of the draft form, which was provided from the organization – my role was to include Mayor Ed Holder's name, along with the City of London – all else was produced by Head Office).

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

Doreen Bartlett

Date

Sept 24/20

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

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Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism
Cultivating Balance



September 24, 2020

City Clerk's Office
City of London Ontario

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached an application for issuance of a proclamation in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts in Canada.

In 2018, those of us in the London Branch of the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism celebrated 40 years of practicing the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts in our city. We have helped many people improve their health and well-being, thus reducing the financial burden on health services in London. We have been offering classes in three different rental locations throughout London and look forward to continuing to offer these arts here.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Doreen Bartlett
Branch Leader
Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism
London Branch

Registered Charity #11893 4371 RR0001

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Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism 50th Anniversary Proclamation

Whereas, 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the *Taoist Tai Chi*[®] arts in Canada that promote the ancient practices of Taoism, which enrich mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. Many people who practice these arts share their experience of this practice which enhanced their social and spiritual connections, helped relieve pain, reduced stress, improved posture, circulation, and balance; and

Whereas, 50 years ago, in 1970, Master Moy Lin Shin, a Taoist monk, began teaching the *Taoist Tai Chi*[®] path in Toronto, Canada; and

Whereas, today, Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism, together with its affiliates around the world, have trained volunteer instructors offering *Taoist Tai Chi*[®] practice continuously for 50 years, and currently, to more than 40,000 participants in numerous locations throughout 26 countries including 11,016 participants in over 330 locations in Canada with 1200 instructors; and

Whereas, Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism and its affiliates practice the *Taoist Tai Chi*[®] arts as a path to ultimate transformation, using the guiding principles of compassion, virtue, and wisdom, in all we do. This practice works to alleviate pain and suffering to the individual, thereby reducing the financial burden on health services in the communities where *Taoist Tai Chi*[®] practice is offered; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that Canada, with its diverse population and appreciation for all cultures moving together in harmony, and its commitment to improving the wellness of its workforce and all residents, should set aside a day to recognize the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism in its endeavour to bring these arts which promote good health, the richness of Chinese culture, and a greater understanding and respect among all peoples.

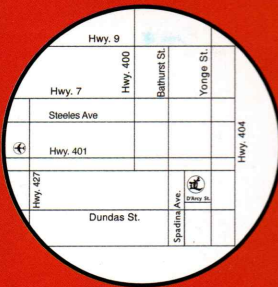
Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Ed Holder, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2020, as *Taoist Tai Chi*[®] arts 50th Anniversary Day in London, Ontario in recognition of Fung Loy Kok's remarkable journey of 50 years.



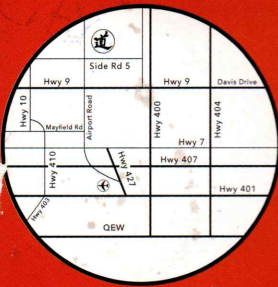
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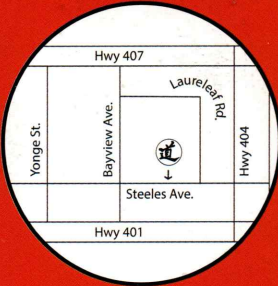
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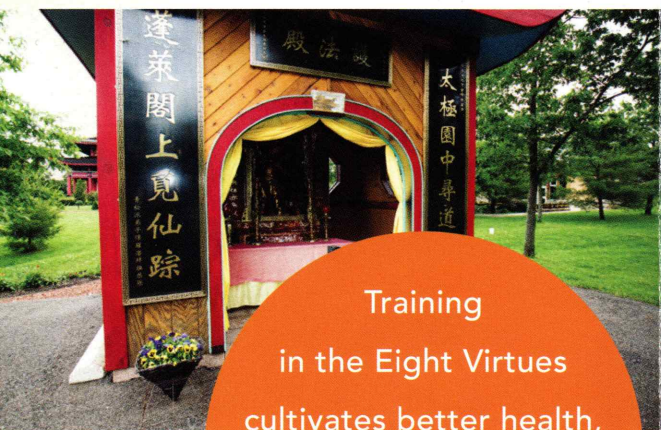
In the Taoist tradition true health comes from cultivating body, mind and spirit to achieve harmony within the self and with the Universe. *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts taught by the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism offer access to this path.

On the physical level, the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts exercise the entire physiology, including the tendons, joints, connective tissue and internal organs. The movements contribute to better balance and posture, increased strength and flexibility and improved circulation.

Rather than depending on tension and the development of hard muscle tissue, the *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts develop a body that is relaxed and resilient at the deepest levels.



"Taoist Tai Chi® practice has put a smile on my face and happiness in my heart."



Training in the Eight Virtues cultivates better health, tames the heart and helps us become better people.

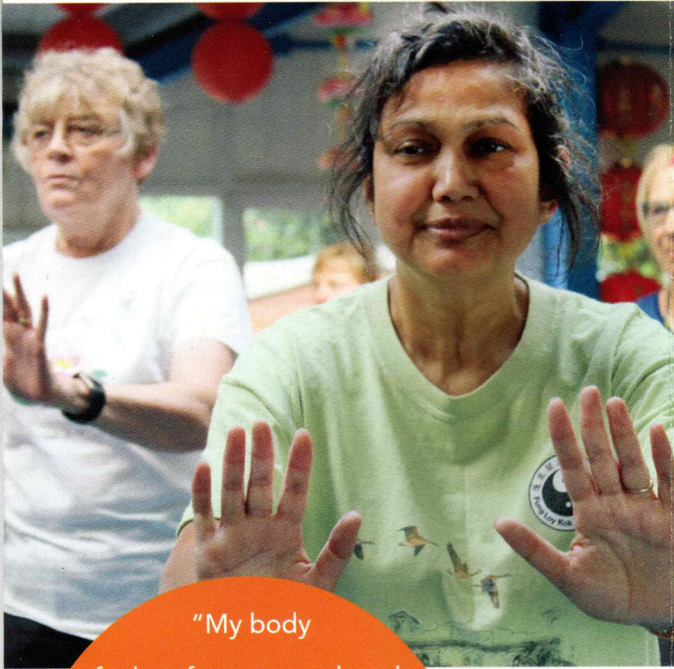
The practice of *Taoist Tai Chi*® arts is meditation. Each step in the training returns the mind to stillness, clarity and wisdom, helping us to let go of worries and bringing a sense of well-being and happiness.

This also benefits our physical health as we become better able to manage stress and its effects on our physiology

MOVING MEDITATION HARMONY COMPASSION

Taoism teaches that we are all born with a spark of goodness, referred to as our Original Nature.

Taoist cultivation helps us develop an attitude of calm and compassion both during practice and in daily life, giving us a way to build lives that are richer and more meaningful.



"My body feels softer, more relaxed. My mind and attitude to life have also changed and I feel more relaxed about a lot of things. I feel privileged to have found this way of life."

FOR PAIN RELIEF

The **Taoist Tai Chi® arts for Pain Relief** are integrated into all of our Taoist practices and retreats. For many people *Taoist Tai Chi®* practice helps them find a way to reduce pain, increase vitality and improve mobility and function.

Pain can come in many forms, whether physical, mental or spiritual. *Taoist Tai Chi®* arts can help people with chronic and serious challenges to their health, including arthritis, multiple sclerosis, stroke and brain injury, asthma, fibromyalgia, osteoporosis, Parkinson's disease, poor balance, anxiety, depression, as well as the stresses of life.

Our hope is that through *Taoist Tai Chi®* practice, each person finds a renewed conviction that they can make a difference in their own health and life.

Our Taoist practices and retreats are open to everyone. For those with decreased mobility, movements can be adapted as needed.

To hear first-person accounts of the benefits of the *Taoist Tai Chi®* arts visit:



taoist.org/painrelief

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WHO WE ARE

We are a charitable, volunteer organization with locations in 26 countries (Canada and 25 affiliates), whose purpose is to promote the practice of the Taoist arts as taught to us by our founder, Master Moy Lin Shin. We bring together people of different languages and cultures to form a worldwide community focused on furthering the Aims and Objectives established by Master Moy.

At every location, people of all ages and backgrounds train and practice together. They become involved in the Taoist arts for a wide range of reasons, from a simple enjoyment of *Taoist Tai Chi*® practice, interest in its health benefits, to the rewards of participation in a friendly and supportive community, to the pursuit of a spiritual path whose roots reach back to ancient times. All are welcome and encouraged to participate as they choose.

The values that lie at the heart of our organization reflect the Taoist tradition. Volunteering and helping others are part of this path. Participants are encouraged to volunteer when they can. This may mean making tea, sweeping the floor, instructing, participating in a ceremony, chanting, cooking, fundraising, or contributing in any number of other ways.





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.

SCHEDULE "A"

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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 - Events or organizations with no direct connection to the City of London.
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 - 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.