

May 3, 2021

The Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Proclamation – Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism – May 10, 2021

The Stop Asian Hate London organization submitted the attached “Proclamation Request Form” on May 2, 2021 in support of their request for the Municipal Council to proclaim May 10, 2021 “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”. Given the time sensitivity of this request, I am seeking support of the following emergent motion.

Leave

That pursuant to section 20.2 of the Council Procedure By-law leave BE GIVEN to introduce the following emergent motion related to a request for support from Councillor Maureen Cassidy of the application from Stop Asian Hate London, submitted on May 2, 2021, to proclaim May 10, 2021 “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”.

Emergent Motion

That, notwithstanding Council Policy “Issuance of Proclamations Policy” which requires requests for proclamations to be submitted at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance dates, that based on the application dated May 2, 2021 from Stop Asian Hate London, May 10, 2021 BE PROCLAIMED “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism” day.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maureen Cassidy', written in a cursive style.

Maureen Cassidy
Councillor, Ward 5



London
CANADA

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:
 - Matters of political controversy, ideological or religious beliefs or individual conviction.
 - Events or organizations with no direct connection to the City of London.
 - Campaigns or events contrary to City of London policies or by-laws.
 - National, Independence or Republic Days.
 - Campaign or events intended for profit-making purposes.
 - 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.

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 Stop Asian Hate London
Date Proclamation Required May 10, 2021
Proclamation Name Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism
Proclamation Type (day, week or month) Day
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) Public Awareness
Requester Name Teigan Elliott
Requester Telephone Number
Requester Email Address
Requester Address Meridene Cres
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London Founded and based in London
Required Supporting Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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  Date May 2 / 2021
NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25</i> 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 Duffenn Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: 519-661-2489, ext. 4937, email: csauder@london.ca

Stop Asian Hate London

Stop Asian Hate London is a recently founded initiative in London with the purpose of educating Londoners about anti-Asian racism, Asian history, and Asian cultures, and encouraging allies to be anti-racist in their day-to-day lives. It also aims to bring Asians in London together, which post-pandemic would be achieved through cultural events.

Stop Asian Hate London is run by a team of four women of Asian heritage, who conduct research and prepare content to be shared on social media. Teigan Elliott, Ayeza Tahir, and Erika Juhasz co-organized the “Stop Asian Hate Vigil & Rally” which took place on March 26th, 2021, and was attended virtually by hundreds of Londoners. The vigil and rally marked the beginning of the team’s vision for *Stop Asian Hate London*.

Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism

This day of action, which would take place during Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, would serve as a public acknowledgement from city officials that anti-racism work is a priority, and as an opportune date for Asian Canadian activism work. It would enable activists to organize events such as workshops, celebrations, discussions, etc., for Asians and non-Asians alike to come together, and would allow for better cohesion among Asian Canadians across different cities in Canada. A day of action would symbolize that in the midst of an epidemic of anti-Asian hate and racism, the city supports its Asian population.

Confirmation of Authorization from Organization

As one of the founders and lead organizers of *Stop Asian Hate London*, I, Teigan Elliott, confirm that our organization authorizes the submission of our request for a Day of Action in London, Ontario.

From: Teigan Elliott
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:53 PM
To: Saunders, Cathy <csaunder@london.ca>; Cassidy, Maureen <mcassidy@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Day of Action Proclamation Request

Dear Mayor Holder,

I am writing today to ask your council to consider proclaiming May 10, 2021, as the “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”- a nationwide movement that was initiated by a group of grassroots activists in Burnaby, BC.

[Stand With Asians Coalition \(SWAC\)](#) is a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism in our cities. Vancouver has seen a staggering increase of over 700%, Burnaby - 350% increase, and Ottawa - 600% increase in 2020. A recent federally-funded study reported 1150 cases of racist attacks in Canada last year. Forty percent were reported in Ontario and forty-four percent were reported in B.C. Sixty percent of the cases were reported by women.

[Stand With Asians Coalition](#) brings allies together to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism. We must condemn all forms of hate in public spaces as it creates unsafe conditions for members of the Asian, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and Racialized Communities.

We at [Stop Asian Hate London](#) understand that the usual time required for a proclamation is 6 weeks, but were only made aware of this initiative last week. Regardless, due to the urgent nature of anti-Asian racism in Ontario, we hope that you hear this request and consider joining the many other cities across Canada in proclaiming May 10, 2021 as the “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism.”

Additionally, right now is a crucial time for Asian Canadians in London to feel supported by the City. Many Londoners were disappointed by the City’s response to the Stop Asian Hate Vigil & Rally, and I believe that this is an opportunity to demonstrate that the City does stand with them.

May is Asian Heritage Month. The City of Burnaby is the first city in Canada that has officially made a proclamation, declaring May 10, 2021, as the “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”. Vancouver, Surrey, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Richmond, the District of Missions, Oshawa, West Elgin, Toronto, and Ottawa, are just some of the growing number of cities in the process of considering a similar proclamation.

Stand with the Asian communities of London, Ontario.

Sincerely,

Teigan Elliott