



Community Flag Pole Request

Outside Organizations

London
CANADA

Requests to use the Community Flag Pole at City Hall are governed by Council Policy (excerpted below). Requests must be received **at least 2 weeks prior** to the date the flag is to be flown, 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	
Nature of organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> Charitable organization _____ (Registration number)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit organization _____ (Registration number)
Jurisdiction of organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> National
<input type="checkbox"/> Provincial	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
Description of associated event (maximum 300 characters)	
Date(s) of event (maximum 300 characters)	
Date flag to be raised	Number of days to be flown
Flag details (please attach a photo/diagram of the flag) (maximum 300 characters)	

Contact information

Contact name		Date submitted
Contact address		
Contact city	Contact province	Contact postal code
Contact daytime telephone number _____ / extension	Contact e-mail address	

Flags at City Hall – Council Policy Excerpts

4.3 Community Flag Pole

- a) The following flags shall be permitted to be flown at City Hall on the Community Flag Pole installed at the northwest corner of City Hall, facing Wellington Street:
 - i) the Canadian flag at such times as there is no flag of a charitable or non-profit organization to be flown as provided for in 4.3 a)ii), or at such times as the half-masting of a flag is in order, as provided for under 4.5c), below; and,
 - ii) to celebrate achievement, the flag of a charitable or non-profit organization to help increase public awareness of their programs and activities; an organization that has achieved national or international distinction or made a significant contribution to the community, or an organization that has helped to enhance the City of London in a positive manner.

- b) The following guidelines shall be observed for the flying of flags permitted under 4.3 a)ii), above:
- i) the organization's flag will fly in connection with a particular event by an organization;
 - ii) no flags of commercial, religious or political organizations shall be permitted;
 - iii) no flags of a group or organization whose undertakings or philosophy are contrary to City of London policies or by-laws, or espouse hatred, violence or racism shall be permitted;
 - iv) an organization's flag shall be flown no more than once per calendar year;
 - v) organizations shall be required to submit requests for their organization's flag to fly on an annual basis;
 - vi) a flag shall be flown for a period of up to one week, or for the duration of the associated event, whichever is less; and,
 - vii) flags shall only be raised and lowered on those business days that City Hall is open.

4.5 General

- a) The City Clerk will administer the policy for the flying of flags at City Hall.
- b) The following guidelines shall apply to resolving conflicts arising from this policy:
- i) conflicts between the flying of flags in accordance with 4.1a)i) and 4.1a)ii) shall be settled firstly in favour of those flags being flown in accordance with 4.1a)i) and secondly in favour of those flags being flown in accordance with 4.1a)ii);
 - ii) conflicts between the flying of flags in accordance with 4.3a)i) and 4.3a)ii) shall be settled firstly in favour of those flags being flown in accordance with 4.3a)i) and secondly in favour of those flags being flown in accordance with 4.3a)ii);
 - iii) conflicts between the dates requested for flags to be flown by two or more organizations on the Community Flag Pole shall be settled in favour of the organization which first made its request; and,
 - iv) in the event there is a dispute between an organization and the City Clerk as to the eligibility of a request, the appeal process shall be through the Standing Committee of Council whose mandate it is to deal with such matters, with the Municipal Council having full and final say as to whether or not the request to fly a flag will be granted.
- c) The following guidelines shall be observed for the half-masting of the Canadian flag on the Community Flag Pole:

The flying of the Canadian flag at half-mast denotes a period of official mourning or commemoration.

The City of London will fly the Canadian flag on the Community Flag Pole at half-mast in the event of a death or to commemorate a solemn occasion. The Canadian flag will be lowered at the direction of the Mayor. In consultation with the Mayor, the City Clerk will provide instruction to lower the Canadian flag on the Community Flag Pole.

The position of the Canadian flag when flying at half-mast will depend on its size, the length of the mast and its location; but as a general rule, the centre of the Canadian flag shall be exactly half-way down the mast.

The official period of mourning is defined as the day of passing until the day of the funeral.

The Canadian flag will be flown at half-mast on the Community Flag Pole to commemorate the following occasions:

Date	Occasion
April 28	National Day of Mourning for Person Killed or Injured in the Workplace
August 9	Peacekeepers' Day
Last Sunday in September	National Peace and Police Officers' Memorial Day
November 11	Remembrance Day*
	*Half-masting shall occur at 11:00 a.m. or according to the prescribed order of service at the Cenotaph
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women



Celebrating the 30th Anniversary-Falun Dafa Month
Request for Flag Raising and Proclamation

March 9, 2022

Dear Mayor Ed Holder

On behalf of local Falun Gong community in London, in recognition of the monumental 30th anniversary--the Falun Dafa Day celebration, May 13th, 2022, we respectfully request a recognition in the form of a Flag Raising and a proclamation. This is our annual celebration of the contributions of members of the Falun Dafa community in Canada—many of whom arrived here as refugees fleeing the persecution in China—and to celebrate the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. We truly appreciate you and our council's great support during the past years, which is truly invaluable and has given us great courage and hope here.

Originated from a tightly controlled communist Country, China, 30 years ago, along with 23 years' unimaginable persecution even with the horrific organ harvesting, Falun Dafa communities have endured, preserved and flourished peacefully. At the same time, Canadian Falun Gong practitioners are proud to build our communities here and call Canada our home.

Since October 2020, thousands Canadians have participated in the free online Learn Falun Gong seminars, hosted every week in English and French by volunteers. Under the lock-down in 2021, We also delightedly had Cities flags-raising or lighting-ups arranged in 8 cities.

Here in Canada, we are truly grateful that we are able to enjoy the freedom, diversity and compassionate support across the Canadian society. Every year we have garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments, officials, and our friends. In 2021 alone, we were very encouraged to received over 130 supports from our MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and City Councillors.

By sending a proclamation and hosting a Flag Raising Event to mark the 30th Falun Dafa Day, you help affirm Canada's commitment to the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, and human rights, freedom of conscience.

For proclamation messages, we would truly appreciate it if we could have it by May 5th, 2022. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are flexible for flag raising dates.

Sincerely,

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8 Flag Raising and Light-up Ceremony Hosting Cities in 2021:

Niagara Falls, ON; Edmonton, AB; Kingston, ON; New Westminster, BC; Nanaimo, BC; Orangeville, ON; St. Catharine, ON; Orillia, ON



Greetings for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2021(excerpt from 138 greetings issued by representatives of three levels of government):

“Through the promotion of the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has attracted followers around the world and I am proud of Canada’s lively Falun Dafa community. In Canada, we are fortunate to live in a country that respects human rights and Canada’s Conservatives will always stand up for religious minorities.” –**Hon. Erin O’Toole, Leader of the Conservative Party, greetings 2021**

“Your compassion, your truthfulness, your principles, and your morals are wonderful attributes to all of you. We should continue to focus on issues of freedom, respect, and love for each other as we continue to build a better Canada and a better world.” - **MP Judy Sgro, co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021**

“But we also know today that Falun Gong, long a legal entity in Hong Kong, is resisting the regime’s intimidation, an important voice in defense of the democratic principles of free thought, free speech, free assembly, and the rule of law... on this anniversary, it is an honor to join millions enjoying freedom around the world and offering our support of greetings: Zhen, Shan, Ren [Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance].”
- **MP Peter Kent, Video Greeting 2021**

“Your commitment to Compassion, Truthfulness, and Forbearance in the midst of very challenging circumstances has been an inspiration to me and to many others.... the Falun Gong community has been leading the way in terms of advocating for their own community but also highlighting the plight of the other communities facing challenges as well.”
- **MP Garnett Genuis, co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, Video Greeting 2021**

“I have great respect for the Principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance, which the guide the Falun Dafa movement. I stand with you not only in celebration but in solidarity as you fight to protect your right to your spiritual practice.” -**Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament (MP) and Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Greeting Letter 2021 Falun Dafa Day**



“On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I commend you for your promoting peace in the world, especially through your teachings on the universal human values of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.” -**Lieutenant Governor of Province of Prince Edward Island, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day**

“My thanks to members of the Falun Dafa community in Saskatchewan for contributing to a more harmonious society. As well, thank you for sharing your meditation practices to help others manage the additional stress caused by the challenges of the past year.” -**Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty of the Province of Saskatchewan, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day**

“The past year has been a time of uncertainty and struggle for many. However, I know that Falun Dafa’s values of truthfulness, harmony, compassion and tolerance have guided and enriched the lives of many thousands of practitioners these difficult times.”

- **MP Hon. Candice Bergen, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day**

“Falun Dafa is an ancient practice that transcends barriers and embraces people from all walks of life – guided by principles of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance”. Sadly, innocent practitioners of this peaceful discipline continue to be persecuted on ethnic or religious grounds by the Chinese Communist Party. We must continue to stand in solidarity with adherents of Falun Dafa and all other oppressed religious minority groups, such as Tibetans and Uighurs.”

- **Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Greeting Letter, 2021 Falun Dafa Day**

Greeting from MPs: Hon. Candice Bergen, James Bezan, Peter Kent, Mark Gerretsen, Ziad Abouttaif, James Cumming, Tom Kmiec, Kerry Diotte, Dominic Cardy, Elizabeth May, Ed Fast, Laurel Collins, Marc Dalton, Brad Vis, Tamara Jansen, Stephanie Kusie, Greg McClean, Jag Sahota, Len Webber, Ron Liepert, Kelly McCauley, Heather McPherson, John Barlow, Ted Falk, Kyle Seebach, Cathay Wagantall, Warren Steinley, Marty Morantz, Pierre Poilievre, Marie-France Lalonde, Scott Reid

Greeting from MPPs: Belinda Karahalios, Lindsey Park, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, France Gélinas, Amy Fee, Hon. Laura Ross, Marty Morantz, Dijieet Brar, Stephen Blais

About Falun Dafa:

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a spiritual practice rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa’s teachings are the tenets of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.” Practitioners of Falun Dafa aim to live in accord with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

Since Falun Dafa’s public introduction in 1992, hundreds of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the [free teachings](#) help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing and contribute to a more healthy and peaceful society.



On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 21 years, major human rights organizations, the United Nations, the U.S. government, and NGOs, etc. have extensively documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, mass imprisonment, forced slave labours, torture, and killings of people who practice Falun Gong in China.

Millions of Falun Gong practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are being sold by the state. International legal experts say that crimes against humanity, and possibly genocide, have occurred. Practitioners and supporters in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation and harassment and vilification by the CCP.

The Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, have endured these two decades of unimaginable adversity with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and the universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.

2021 Municipal Proclamation and Mayor's Proclamations/Greetings of Falun Dafa Day	
Mayor John Tory, Toronto, ON	Mayor Craig Copeland, City of Cold Lake, AB
Mayor Jim Watson, Ottawa, ON	Mayor John Stewart, City of Beaumont, AB
Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON	Mayor Stuart Houston, City of Spruce Grove, AB
Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catherines, ON	Mayor Jackie Clayton, City of Grande Prairie, AB
Mayor Steve Clarke, Orillia, ON	Mayor Ray Ralph, Town of Devon, AB
Mayor Sandy Brown, Orangeville, ON	
Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, ON	
Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Burlington, ON	Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC
Mayor Bobbie Drew, Scugog, ON	Mayor Colin Basran, City of Kelowna, BC
Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON	Mayor Leonard Krog, City of Nanaimo, BC
Mayor Ed Holder, London, ON	Mayor Aaron Stone, City of Ladysmith, BC
Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON	Mayor Chris Pieper, City of Armstrong, BC
Mayor Mike Bradley, Sarnia, ON	Mayor Brad West, City of Port Coquitlam, BC
Mayor Gary McNamara, Tecumseh, ON	Mayor Jack Froese, Township of Langley, BC
	Mayor Mike Morden, City of Maple Ridge, BC
Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB	Mayor Michelle Staples, City of Duncan, BC
Mayor Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton, NL	Mayor Bob Wells, City of Courtenay, BC
Mayor Daniel Conway, St. George's, NL	
Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK	
Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK	
Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax, NS	