


Proclamation Request Form

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Request details

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| Name of Organization ink-stainedwretches.org |
| Date Proclamation Required May 3, 2022 |
| Proclamation Name World Press Freedom Day |
| Proclamation Type (day, week or month) Day |
| Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) Public Awareness Campaign |
| Requester Name Courtney Stone |
| Requester Telephone Number |
| Requester Address Richmond Hill, ON. L4S 2B1 |
| Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London A campaign whose volunteers include students and faculty at Western University in London. Also, the City of London passed a nearly identical proclamation in 2021. |
| 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 Tuesday March 22, 2022 |
| 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 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: 519-661-2489, ext. 4937, email: csaunder@london.ca |



Background of organization

ink-stainedwretches.org is a group formed in March 2020 by former newsroom workers at the Waterloo Region Record newspaper. Long concerned with the decline in robust local journalism in their municipality and across Canada, the group launched a campaign to encourage elected leaders to build an ecosystem in which public-service journalism can survive and thrive. Toward that goal, the group has been asking municipal councils to voice support for local journalism and to encourage MPs to quickly implement legislation to build the ecosystem. At the time of submitting this proclamation request, 28 municipalities in nine provinces — home to roughly 12 million residents — have passed versions of the resolution proposed or shaped by ink-stainedwretches.org

UNESCO World Press Freedom Day

This year's World Press Freedom Day theme: "Journalism under Digital Siege"

The description below is from the [UNESCO World Press Freedom Day 2022](http://www.unesco.org/en/press-freedom-day) website:

3 May acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. Just as importantly, World Press Freedom Day is a day of support for media which are targets for the restraint, or abolition, of press freedom. It is also a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the pursuit of a story.

Confirmation

ink-stainedwretches.org confirms that Courtney Stone is submitting this application—for the proclamation of World Press Freedom Day (May 3, 2022) in London, Ontario— on our group's behalf. If further confirmation is necessary, please contact Carolyn McLeod-McCarthy, proclamations co-ordinator, at Carolynmcleodmccarthy@gmail.com; or Mirko Petricevic, group co-ordinator, at ink.stained.campaign@gmail.com

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