

July 10, 2017

Honourable Mayor Avis and Members of Council  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

**Re: 5<sup>th</sup> Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag**

Dear Mayor Avis and Members of Council

The celebrations around the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary were a great success; they were celebrated in our region by the official raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag in **16 municipalities** in the Northwestern Ontario region, including the Town of Fort Frances. On this occasion, both the Francophone and Anglophone communities gathered together to celebrate and rejoice the raising of our flag.

Thanks to Fort Frances and 15 other municipalities that officially raised the Franco-Ontarian flag last year, Franco-Ontarian Day was a great success across Northwestern Ontario in 2016. We genuinely appreciate your involvement in our festivities and invite you to join us again this year. Regarding this year's celebrations, we ask the municipality:

1. to symbolically raise the Franco-Ontarian flag at Fort Frances' Town Hall at 9:00 am, September 25<sup>rd</sup> and that it remain raised for one month, and;
2. to republish the official proclamation of the "Franco-Ontarian Day" published last year to emphasize the importance of this day (Legislative Assembly of Ontario, *Franco-Ontarian Day Act*, 2010).

Such events are unique occasions to share the Francophone cultural heritage.

We wish to, once again, extend our appreciation for your ongoing support, and we look forward to your participation in commemorating such an exceptional day.

For further information, and to confirm the name of the representative who will participate in this year's flag raising, please contact: **Mr. Jeffrey Servant, Touristic development au Communication officer**: 1 888-248-1712 or by email: [innovation@afnoo.org](mailto:innovation@afnoo.org)

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Maire et membres du conseil, nos salutations les plus distinguées.



Donald Pelletier  
President