



August 4, 2014

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

Re: Raising of the Franco-Ontarian Day at Fort Frances City Hall

Dear Mayor Avis and Members of Council,

In 2013, Franco-Ontarian Day was a great success; celebrated in our region by the official raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag in **14 cities** 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. We genuinely appreciate your involvement in our celebration and invite you to join us again this year on September 25, 2014. We would like to make the following requests with respect to this year's celebration:

1. Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Fort Frances' City Hall for one month, starting September 25th every year; and,
2. Publishing an Official proclamation of the "Provincial Franco-Ontarian Day" to inform the public.

We wish to once again extend our appreciation for your ongoing participation and sincerely hope that you will join us again this year to commemorate such an exceptional Day and anniversary. We look forward to your favourable response.

We also take this opportunity to inform that between January 2014 and September 25, 2015 the francophone citizens of our communities are proud and eager to share their cultural heritage within the activities which will be organized in our communities to underline the **"the commemorations of 400 Years of the French Presence in Ontario 2014-2015"**. In this regard, we have enclosed a press release outlining the activities of the 400th celebrations. Such events have a significant impact in enhancing French language in your region; it further promotes and encourages the development of our economy, diversity and tourism. We are also enclosing for your information our latest annual report.

For further information, please contact: **Ms. Elodie Bedouet, Executive Director:** (807) 684-1950 or by email: dq@afnoo.org

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

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President