

June 14, 2016

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

Re: 4th Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag

Dear Mayor Avis and Members of Council

The celebrations around the 400th anniversary were great success; they have been celebrated in our region by the official raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag in **15 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 14 other municipalities, who officially raised the Franco-Ontarian flag last year, Franco-Ontarian Day was a great success across Northwestern Ontario in 2015. We genuinely appreciate your involvement in our festivities and invite you to join us again this year. Regarding this year's celebrations, that will be held on September 23rd, we ask the municipality:

1. to symbolically¹ raise the Franco-Ontarian flag at Fort Frances' Town Hall at 9:00 am, September 23rd 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, please contact: **Ms. Elodie Grunerud, Executive Director**: 1 888-248-1714 or by email: dg@afnoo.org

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

Donald Pelletier
President



¹ Please note that unfortunately there won't be a representative of the francophone community at the raising of the flag.