

July 29, 2019

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

Franco-Ontarian Day

Dear Mayor Caul and Members of Council,

In September 2018, you proclaimed September 25th to be Franco-Ontarian Day in Fort Frances. This proclamation confirmed that the Town of Fort Frances recognizes the cultural and economic contribution of its Francophone members and supports their decision to make the French language and culture an important part of their lives. Since then, your presence at various Francophone functions and your inclusion of French in your message to the general population have shown that this proclamation reflects a genuine resolve to make Fort Frances a place where Francophones of all origins can thrive. It is our sincerest hope that the town will renew its commitment and reissue the official proclamation of the "Franco-Ontarian Day" to emphasize the importance of this day (Legislative Assembly of Ontario, *Franco-Ontarian Day Act, 2010*).

In addition, we invite the Town of Fort Frances to mark the 44th anniversary of the Franco-Ontarian flag and the 9th annual Franco-Ontarian Day in Ontario by symbolically raising the Franco-Ontarian flag at Dorion's Municipal Offices on September 25th and that it remains raised for one month.

Last year, 18 Franco-Ontarian flags were raised in Northwestern Ontario. Many members of the community participated in the ceremony and we are hoping to attract even more this year with the activities that local Francophone community groups and schools are organizing to commemorate this day. We wish to, once again, extend our appreciation for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Nancy Proulx, Board Chair

For further information, and to confirm Fort Frances's participation in commemorating Franco-Ontarian day, please contact: **Joey Deschamps, Economic Development Officer** by phone 1 888-248-1712 or by email at innovation@afnoo.org.