

June 12, 2015

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



Re: 3rd Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag

Dear Mayor Avis and Members of Council

This year's Franco-Ontarian Day marks the close of celebrations for 400 years of French presence in Ontario, making this event a very special one! On September 25, 2015, we aim to raise 400 Franco-Ontarian flags across Ontario as a symbol of this anniversary.

Thanks to Fort Frances and 13 other municipalities who officially raised the Franco-Ontarian flag last year, Franco-Ontarian Day was a great success across Northwestern Ontario in 2014. We genuinely appreciate your involvement in our celebration and invite you to join us again this year. Regarding this year's celebrations, we ask the municipality:

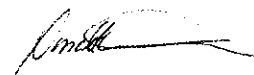
1. to raise the Franco-Ontarian flag at Fort Frances's City Hall, on September 25th and that it remains raised for one month and;
2. To publish an official proclamation recognizing September 25 as "Franco-Ontarian Day" to inform the public of this event and to emphasize the importance of this day (Legislative Assembly of Ontario, *Franco-Ontarian Day Act, 2010*).

Such events are unique occasions to share the Francophone cultural heritage. Please refer to the articles enclosed with this letter for examples of Franco-Ontarian Day celebrations in 2014.

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 and anniversary this year.

For further information and to confirm your participation, please contact: **Ms. Elodie Bedouet, 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