

# Community Flag Flying and Raising Form

Name of Requesting Organization \*

Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario

## Contact Information

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## Flag Raising and Lowering Date

Please note that the raising and lowering of the flags must take place on a regular business day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Community flag-flying requests will be approved for a maximum duration of seven (7) days unless the Community Flagpole is available for longer, in which case the duration may extend to a maximum of fourteen (14) days at the discretion of the City Manager.

Date of Flag Raising (flags are not typically raised/lowered on weekends or holidays): \*

4/10/2025



Date of Flag Lowering \*

4/16/2025



Are you having a Ceremony? \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Is your ceremony private? (no invitation will be extended to City Council or City Staff to attend if so). \*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Date of the Ceremony \*

4/10/2025



Ceremony Start Time (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.) \*

11:00 AM



The ceremony will require: (please note equipment is not available if ceremony is planned for weekend or holiday)

- ☒ A Microphone and Speaker System - free to use and highly recommended for ceremonies with speeches
- ☒ Greetings from a member of Council

**Annually Recurring Flag Raisings**

Please note that community flag-flying requests can now be submitted once for recurring events, provided the groups will notify the City if or when flag-flying shall discontinue.

The group submitting the request will still be responsible for providing the physical flag annually. The specified date of the raising will be continued annually, unless City staff are directed to shift the date each year.

**Would you like to submit your flag flying request to happen annually?**

- ☐ Yes, please repeat on an annual basis.
- ☒ No, this one time only.

**Purpose of the Event or Occasion \***

The flag-raising event is part of Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario’s (PSSO) April Awareness Campaign, recognizing Parkinson’s Awareness Month. The event aims to raise awareness of Parkinson’s disease (PD), support individuals living with PD and their families, and educate the public about the condition and its impact. By raising the Parkinson’s Awareness flag, we hope to foster community engagement, promote understanding, and advocate for those affected by Parkinson’s.

**Details of the Event or Occasion \***

The Parkinson’s Awareness flag-raising event in Owen Sound will take place on Thursday, April 10th, 2025, as part of a series of flag-raising ceremonies across Southwestern Ontario. The event will be a brief but meaningful gathering that includes a short speech highlighting the significance of Parkinson’s Awareness Month, the challenges faced by individuals living with Parkinson’s, and the importance of community support. Local officials, community members, and individuals affected by Parkinson’s will be invited to attend. The event will conclude with the raising of the Parkinson’s Awareness flag, symbolizing unity and support for the Parkinson’s community.

**Description of your organization or individual including a brief history and any other relevant information** \*

Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario (PSSO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals living with Parkinson’s disease and their carepartners. For over 25 years, PSSO has provided essential programs, services, and advocacy efforts across the region, including in Owen Sound and Grey-Bruce County. As of 2021, more than 100,000 Canadians are living with Parkinson’s disease, with approximately 6,600 new cases diagnosed each year. In Ontario alone, over 46,000 individuals have been diagnosed with the disease.

PSSO is committed to improving the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson’s through a wide range of initiatives. We offer exercise programs designed to help with mobility and symptom management, speech and vocal therapy to support communication, and movement-based classes like chair yoga to promote flexibility and balance. Our support groups provide individuals and carepartners with a space for connection and peer support, while our educational workshops, webinars, and conferences bring expert speakers to share the latest research and strategies for managing the disease. Additionally, we actively promote research opportunities, helping connect people with Parkinson’s to clinical studies and trials that contribute to advancements in treatment and care.

Through these programs and services, PSSO fosters a strong, informed, and connected Parkinson’s community in Owen Sound and across Southwestern Ontario. Our work ensures that individuals and families facing Parkinson’s disease have access to meaningful support, education, and empowerment.

**Picture of Flag to be Raised** \*

**File Name**



PSSO-36x72-Flag-r3 (1).pdf

63.8 KB

By submitting this form, you affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. All Community Flag requests must adhere to the [Flag Flying, Proclamations and Public Awareness Campaigns Policy](#).

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, 227 and City Policy CMA34. The information is used for the community flag raising process including, but not limited to, evaluating requests for community flags and contacting the requestor.

**City Manager Approval - signature & date**

**Date on Council Consent Agenda**

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