

Community Flag Flying and Raising Form

Name of Requesting Organization *

Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada

Contact Information

Name *

Mary Foley, Director

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Home/Cell Phone Number *

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Work Phone Number

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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): *

3/10/2025



Date of Flag Lowering *

3/31/2025



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 *

3/10/2025



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

01:30 PM



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.

Would you be requiring a public ceremony each year as well?

- ☒ Yes, we will have a ceremony with each flag raising.
- ☐ No, we will not be planning a future ceremony.

Purpose of the Event or Occasion *

March is officially "Irish Heritage Month Canada"- this was passed into legislation March 2022-
Whereas, the Government of Canada marked the first official Irish Heritage Month in Canada March 2022; and
Whereas, today almost 4.6 million Canadians in towns and cities across Canada can trace their ancestry back to Ireland, and
Whereas, Irish Canadians have greatly contributed to the story of our country, province and town this month is an opportunity to learn more about their history, culture and positive impacts on our local community; and
Whereas, the Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada with twelve locations in Ontario, and one within Owen Sound, are celebrating the month with numerous Irish dance classes, camps, after school programs and local performances-


Details of the Event or Occasion *

Our local Irish Dancers will attend City Hall on Monday March 10th, 2025 at 1:30pm
They will perform outdoors in the Municipal Flag pole area- few irish jigs and reels
Followed by remarks from the Mayor and Council,
Followed by the Flag Raising on the Municipal Flag Pole

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

Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada has been operating in Ontario since year 1990- We have been teaching classes within the City of Owen Sound since year 2010

Picture of Flag to be Raised *

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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

