MOTION



North Bay, ON July 8, 2025

Subject: Installation of the Franco-Ontarian Flag at Léger Square at City Hall in Recognition of the Flag's 50th Anniversary

File No.

Res. <u>2025-</u>

Moved by Councillor: Inch

Seconded by Councillor: Vrebosch

WHEREAS 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the Franco-Ontarian flag, a provincial emblem co-created by Michel Dupuis, a proud North Bay resident, and Professor Gaétan Gervais of Laurentian University;

AND WHEREAS the Franco-Ontarian flag has been officially recognized as an emblem of Ontario since 2001 and was granted equal status to the provincial flag through Bill 182 in 2020;

AND WHEREAS North Bay is home to a vibrant and longstanding francophone community whose cultural, social, and economic contributions have enriched the city's development;

AND WHEREAS the permanent installation of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Léger Square at City Hall would be a meaningful and inclusive gesture, recognizing both the local and provincial significance of the flag;

AND WHEREAS Les Compagnons des francs loisirs, in collaboration with other interested community partners, have expressed their willingness to contribute financially toward the cost of the installation, in recognition that the City may not have the full budget available for new infrastructure at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to work in coordination with Les Compagnons des francs loisirs, Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord, and other local francophone stakeholders to support the installation of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Léger Square;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the installation be completed in time to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the flag and be in place for Franco-Ontarian Day on September 25, 2025.

| Carried | Carried as amended | Lost |
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| Conflict | Endorsement of Chair | |
| Yeas | Nays | |
| Record of Vote (Upon Requ | uest of Councillor |) |

Signature of Clerk