

Delegation Request Form

Municipality of Kincardine Procedure By-Law

By-Law No. 2023 - 138

Schedule 'A'

Your request **must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to the meeting**, outlining the subject matter of the delegation and submitting an electronic version of any Microsoft PowerPoint presentation or other presentation material proposed to be used. Failure to provide the required information on time will result in loss of privilege to appear as a delegation. I have read and understand the delegation protocol attached to this form and acknowledge that the information contained on this form, including any attachments will become public documents and listed on the Municipality of Kincardine's Council meeting agenda.

Date of Request *

8/19/2024



Council Meeting Date Requested *

8/28/2024



Delegation's Name *

Neil Geoghegan

Phone Number *

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Organization (if applicable)

Not applicable

Name(s) of Speaker(s) *

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Email address(es) of speaker(s) *

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Purpose of Presentation *

- Information Only
- Request Support
- Other

Key Points of Delegation (Please attach full presentation) *

Possible development of a municipal flag

All presentation materials (ie. Powerpoint, handouts, etc.) must be attached to this Delegation Request Form. Do you have any accompanying presentation materials? *

Yes

No

The desired action of Council that I am seeking on this issue is *

Council or MOK administration staff to establish and lead a committee in the development of guidelines, procedure and criteria leading to a process to engage the community in the creation of a municipal flag.

I Acknowledge *

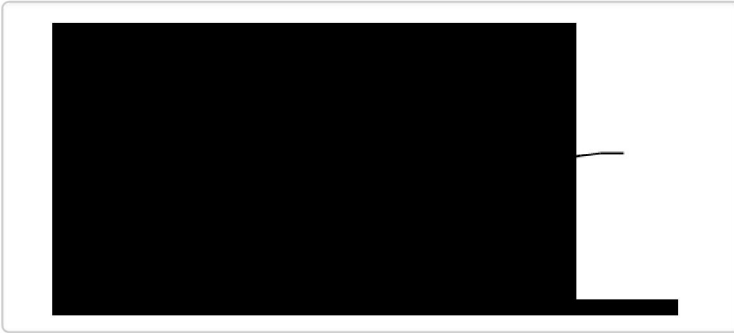
that if the materials contain any obscene or improper matter, language or does not meet the requirements of the delegation protocol, the Clerk shall decide whether it should be included in the agenda for a Council meeting and if not, I will be notified.

Date *

8/19/2024



Signature *



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Thank You

Your request for delegation has been recieved please wait for a response.

Municipal Flag presentation to Council.

Mayor Craig, Councillors', CAO Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier and residents of the Municipality of Kincardine.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to speak with you today.

My name is Neil Geoghegan and I have lived in this community since 1976. My wife Sharon and I have three children who were born and raised in the Municipality of Kincardine. In fact all three of our children were born in the Kincardine hospital. We have four school aged grandchildren who also live in our community.

I'm here this evening to talk to you about flags. For generations countries have flown flags as a symbol of national identity. Every nation has a flag that they are proud to fly. Canada has the beautiful Maple Leaf which is affectionately recognized within our country and around the world. I remember as a young immigrant boy, along with my family, watching the newly created Canadian flag being raised for the very first time in 1965. It gave me and my family a deep sense of pride and the promise of a brighter future for all Canadians and future generations of Canadians.

Flags not only represent a national identity but also regional identities such as our provinces and territories and their unique identities. Flags are also used to unite like minded countries and to encourage a global order based on a common set of values. One such flag is the United Nations flag. Other flags are created to allow a nation's best athletes from every corner of the world to peacefully compete under the Olympic flag while representing their country.

There are also several flags raised throughout the year to remind us of who we are and what we are trying to achieve. To raise awareness and to encourage acceptance within marginalized communities or to raise health and safety issues such as breast cancer awareness and so on.

On occasion we lower flags to half staff in order to recognize the loss of a person or people who have had a profound influence on us at the National, Provincial or community level.

As a service club member and community volunteer I have had the privilege of working with this council and administration staff earlier this year to receive permission to raise a service club flag in the Municipality of Kincardine. Both council and the administrative staff were very supportive in allowing this goal to be achieved. I/we are very grateful for the support that you have provided.

The municipality has also been very supportive in raising various flags throughout the years to honour and recognize various local initiatives in an effort to raise awareness of diversity, inclusion, equality and acceptance such as the Pride flag and the Black Liberation flag. It's been a challenging year for council and our community in some of these areas.

There is one flag in my opinion that does not exist. You may ask what flag, other than the ones I've mentioned, recognizes a sense of identity, a sense of community, a sense of belonging and a sense of pride. The answer is quite simple. It is a municipal flag.

During previous discussions with the Municipality of Kincardine representatives, I discovered that the Municipality of Kincardine has not had a municipal flag since amalgamation in 1999 (25 years ago). There have been several generations of councils since that time, but this issue, to the best of my knowledge, has never been formally raised.

Several towns, Villages and Hamlets exist within the municipality of Kincardine in Wards 1, 2 and 3. Along with our farming community, towns such as Kincardine and Tiverton, Villages such as Inverhuron, Hamlets such as Bervie, Armow, Underwood, and Glamis to name a few, are a vibrant part of our Municipality. The strength of our municipality is the sum of all these towns, villages, hamlets and farming communities.

To that end, I would like to suggest that council and/or a senior administrative staff take a leadership role in striking a committee to establish criteria and/or guidelines for the development of a municipal flag. I would recommend that a committee be comprised of a senior administrative staff member (possibly the director of community services) and local area residents, possibly one resident from Kincardine, one from Tiverton and one from Inverhuron to represent our community as a whole.

I think a wonderful way to bring our community together during these challenging times is by running a contest, open to local area schools, students and other residents in general, to design a municipal flag that we can all be proud to fly within our municipality. Perhaps some time in 2025 we can hold a "Municipality of Kincardine Day" and simultaneously raise a newly created flag in various districts or wards within the municipality.

Thank you