

SYNOPSIS

Requests for Proclamations and Flag Raising Ceremonies Policy

Council had requested that the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee review the Proclamations and Flag Raising Policy in regards to adding Acadian Day and Indigenous Peoples Day as days on which flags would automatically be raised without the requirement of a formal request.

The Committee met on March 2, 2023 to review the proposed amendments and decided that singling out these two groups would in fact not be inclusive and equitable to all groups, and that all groups should have to follow the same process.

Therefore, the Committee passed the following motion:

That the draft policy be amended to remove the line: "Flags to honor Acadian Day on the August 15th, and Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st will not require formal requests", requiring that all peoples will need to request their own Flag Raising, and further that staff take steps to better educate the public on how to request a Flag Raising.

MOTION:

That Council approve the amended Request for Proclamations and Flag Raising Ceremonies Policy.