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Via Email: tschaffer@langleycity.ca

August 28, 2018

Dear Mayor Ted Schaffer,

Re: Courtesy Flag Request—Canadian Christian Flag

Please consider this my application to have Langley City fly the Canadian Christian Flag on the National Day of Blessings, October 1, 2018. Numerous Christian organizations across Canada will be celebrating this important event, leading up to Thanksgiving.

As you are aware, our nation is richly blessed. The preamble of our *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* recognizes not only the importance of the Rule of Law to our civil society, but also the Supremacy of God; it states:

"Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law..."

That this incorporation into the Canadian Constitution refers specifically to the God of the Bible is attested to by the fact that Canada's official motto *A mare usque ad mare* is the Latin rendering of Psalm 72, verse 8—unanimously selected by Canada's 33 Fathers of Confederation in 1967.

The first Monday of every October is now designated as the National Day of Blessing, a day to join with Judeo-Christians across Canada in celebrating God's abundant blessings upon this nation.

I understand that you have previously made special amendments to the Langley City Flag Raising Policy (CO-33), accommodating the Pride "Rainbow" Flag—a definitive symbol of political power that is thus made equal in rights to my group, Judeo-Christians. As an identifiable group, we are entitled by federal and provincial law to equal protection and recognition under the various Human Rights codes, and also by the Canadian *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. In keeping with Canada's commitment to equal protection and recognition for all citizens, I trust that you will amend or revoke any provision in the flag policy that only provides special privilege to one group, and would thus discriminate against any other. Further, that you will provide my group the same honour, respect, favour and accommodation, in not only raising the Canadian Christian Flag on the Langley City Courtesy Flag Pole on October 1, 2018 and letting it fly until the day after Thanksgiving, but also by joining in our celebrations.

We anticipate those gathering to celebrate the raising of the Canadian Christian flag will be a significant number, and we would be most honoured if you, or your representative, would agree to speak at the event.

This request is made as per the requirements identified within Langley City's Flag policy. I look forward to confirmation that the Canadian Christian Flag will be raised over Langley City, and that we would be informed of the time of the ceremony to facilitate attendance by those interested. I can be reached by telephone at (604) 514-1614.

Thank you,

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