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September 25, 2018

Ms. Kari Simpson
Co-ordinator: National Day of Blessings
Canadian Christian Flag Committee

Dear Ms. Simpson:

Re: Courtesy Flag Request – Canadian Christian Flag

This is to confirm receipt of your August 28, 2018 email letter requesting that the Canadian Christian Flag to be flown on the National Day of Blessings from October 1, 2018 until the day after Thanksgiving.

As you are aware, the City's Flag Raising Policy CO-33 (Policy) establishes the authority and framework to ensure that all flags at City Hall and other City of Langley operated municipal properties and buildings are flown and displayed in a consistent and appropriate manner. Section 4 of the Policy sets out the requirements for community requests to fly flags on the City's courtesy flagpole, and includes the following restriction:

The City reserves the right to reject any application and/or flag that does not comply with the City of Langley policies or bylaw; espouse racism, personal discrimination, violence or hatred. Flags shall not promote a point of view or organization of a political, ethical, religious nature or directly encourage, or exhibit obvious indifference to unlawful behavior.

The Policy also includes an express provision that permits the Rainbow Flag to be flown during a certain period each year. In particular, section 7 of the Policy provides as follows:

Supplemental to section 4, City Council may direct a Rainbow Flag be flown for a period of seven (7) days to coincide with the beginning of the Vancouver annual Pride Week. The City will not be responsible for providing the flag. In the event the

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Rainbow Flag cannot be flown due to a half-masting requirement, the Rainbow Flag will be flown for 7 days immediately following the half-masting.

After thorough review, the request to fly the Canadian Christian Flag does not meet the provisions under the City's Flag Raising Policy CO-33 and hence the request is hereby denied.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY

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cc: City Councillors
Francis Cheung, CAO