



COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: C. Belke, City Clerk

PREPARED BY: C. Belke, City Clerk

REPORT TITLE: Half-Masting Request

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Royal Canadian Legion, Leduc Branch 108, has requested that the flags at Fred Johns Park be half-masted to honour a recently deceased member on the day of his funeral, February 21, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council direct Administration to lower the flags at Fred Johns Park to half-mast in recognition of Korean War Veteran, Art Kholsmith, from sunrise to sundown on the day of his funeral, scheduled for February 21, 2025.

COUNCIL HISTORY

N/A

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

Alvin (Art) Lawrence Kohlsmith passed away on February 6, 2025. His funeral will be held on February 21, 2025. A copy of Mr. Kohlsmith's obituary is provided as an attachment to this report.

Leduc Branch No. 108 of the Royal Canadian Legion has requested that the City half-mast the flags at Fred Johns Park on February 21, 2025, the day of Mr. Kohlsmith's funeral.

A similar request was received in December, 2024, resulting in Council, at the December 9, 2024, Council Meeting, authorizing the half-masting of flags at Fred Johns Park to commemorate the passing of a Legion member.

As per Flags Bylaw No. 1162-2023, a request of this nature requires authorization from Council.

STRATEGIC / RELEVANT PLANS ALIGNMENT

N/A

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

N/A

RISK ANALYSIS: FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

There are no financial or legal implications.



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IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

If Council approves the request, Public Services will half-mast the flags on February 21, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

Decline the request from Leduc Branch No. 108, Royal Canadian Legion.

ATTACHMENTS

Alvin (Art) Lawrence Kohlsmith Obituary