

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: C. Belke, City Clerk

PREPARED BY: C. Belke, City Clerk

REPORT TITLE: 2025 Flag Raising Request – Filipino-Canadian Association of Leduc

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Filipino-Canadian Association of Leduc (FILCAS) has requested that the City fly the national flag of the Philippines at the Leduc Civic Centre from June 8 to June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves by resolution one of the two options presented in the May 12, 2025, report titled 2025 Flag Raising Request – Filipino-Canadian Association of Leduc.

COUNCIL HISTORY

Bylaw No. 1162-2023 – Flags Bylaw came into effect on November 21, 2023.

On May 13, 2024, Council approved a request from FILCAS, to fly the Philippines flag from June 9 to 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

The Flags Bylaw allows any organization or institution to apply to have a flag displayed outside a City facility. Approval of such a request requires a Council resolution. Unless otherwise specified by Council, such a flag would be displayed on one of the flagpoles on the west side of the Leduc Civic Centre.

FILCAS has requested that the national flag of the Philippines be flown outside the Leduc Civic Centre in commemoration of Philippine Independence Day and Philippine Heritage Month. This year, FILCAS is planning a flag raising ceremony on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 12:30 pm. Unlike in previous years, they will not be hosting a larger celebration in June, as they are preparing for a more extensive cultural event during Alberta Culture Days later in the year. As such, if approved, their June event will solely focus on the flag-raising.

FILCAS has also requested that the Mayor and other City officials attend the flag-raising, and that one of the City officials deliver a short speech at the ceremony.

Options:

1. If Council wishes to approve the request, the following resolution would be appropriate:
 - That the request from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Leduc that the City fly the national flag of the Philippines from June 8 to June 30, 2025, be approved.
2. If Council wishes to deny the request, the following resolution would be appropriate:
 - That the request from the Filipino-Canadian Association of Leduc that the City fly the national flag of the Philippines from June 8 to June 30, 2025, be denied.

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STRATEGIC / RELEVANT PLANS ALIGNMENT

N/A

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

There are no administrative implications.

RISK ANALYSIS: FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

There are no financial or legal implications.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

The City will communicate the raising of the flag and its significance, through social media channels.

ALTERNATIVES:

Two options are provided above, for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A