



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: J. Nethercott, Clerk
Date: 2020-08-13
Report: 2020-13
Subject: Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Draft Policy

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from J. Nethercott, Clerk re: Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Policy; and

That West Elgin Council hereby direct staff to bring forward a by-law to adopt the Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol Policy at the next Council meeting.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide a draft version of a Community Flag Raising and Flag Protocol policy for Council to review and comment on, prior to passage of an adopting by-law.

Background:

Council had requested a flag raising policy be drafted and brought forward for discussion. Staff researched area municipal policies as well as the County of Elgin's policy. In reviewing these policies, staff determined that the County of Elgin policy best aligned with Council's direction and therefore modified this policy to fit with the Municipality of West Elgin.

Currently West Elgin has 6 municipal flag poles, 1 at the Municipal Office, 2 at the Arena in West Lorne, 2 at the Blue Flag Beach and 1 at Fire Station number 2 in West Lorne. At this time the only location for a community flag raising would be at the Arena in West Lorne, however the Manager of Operations & Community Services is proposing as part of the renovations, that a second flag pole be installed at the Municipal Office, so there is a community flag pole at a municipal building.

As there are only flags at the Blue Flag Beach during the summer months, we have excluded these poles from the policy for community flags, but they would follow the half-masting protocols.

Financial Implications:

N/A