



Municipal Flag Protocol and Proclamation Policy (1.3) Request Form

Please complete this form and submit it to adminteam@elgin.ca.

Organization: _____

This Organization is:

☐ Charitable Organization

☐ Not-for-profit Organization

Event/Occasion: _____

Purpose of Event/Occasion:

National Drowning Prevention Week promotes awareness of the drowning prevention
problem in Canada, and the need for individuals, communities, organizations, and
government to take action to save lives. Drowning is preventable! World Drowning
Prevention Day is on July 25th.

Proposed Date for Flag Raising and/or Proclamation: _____

(all flag raisings/proclamation dates are subject to availability in accordance with the Policy).

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

My organization is requesting (please check all that apply):

☐ Flag Raising

☐ Proclamation

☐ Lighting the Elgin Administration Building

If your organization has a written proclamation you wish to be read, please include a copy with this form.



Please describe your organization/group:

The Elgin County Drowning Prevention Coalition is a volunteer-led organization dedicated to drowning prevention education, awareness, and research. Its mandate is 'to prevent the incidence of fatal and non-fatal drownings and other water related injuries in Elgin County.' The coalition collaborates with local organizations such as hospitals, immigration partnerships, conservation areas, childrens organizations, and more to share relevant water safety information with local residents.

Has your organization achieved national or international distinction, made a significant contribution to the community, or helped to enhance the County of Elgin in a positive manner? Please describe:

The Elgin County Drowning Prevention Coalition (ECDPC) has made a significant impact locally and has gained recognition at both national and international levels. Established in response to disproportionately high drowning rates in Elgin County, the ECDPC unites stakeholders from healthcare, aquatics, emergency services, and newcomer support sectors to lead evidence-informed water safety initiatives. Locally, the coalition has implemented tailored education programs, including free public swims, lifejacket fitting clinics, and the translation of water safety materials to support culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Its work has been featured in The Lifeline, the Ontario Lifesaving Society's provincial newsletter, and its research has been incorporated into advanced aquatic leadership training programs across the London, Ontario region. Internationally, research featuring the ECDPC and done by a local resident has been accepted for both oral and poster presentation at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention (WCDDP 2025) in Egypt. This global platform will highlight Elgin County's leadership in applying the WHO Non-Fatal Drowning Categorization Framework and the Utstein-style reporting standards to strengthen aquatic surveillance and prevention systems in Canada.