



POLICY No. 2004-05 Flag Protocol Policy

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1. PURPOSE

To establish a protocol for the flying and displaying of the Canadian flag and other flags on County lands and buildings.

2. POLICY

Flag Etiquette

Haldimand County will display Canadian, Provincial and Haldimand County flags in a dignified and respectful manner. When a flag becomes worn, noticeably faded or otherwise unfit for service, it will be disposed of privately by burning.

The County Flag should not be used as a table/seat cover, as a masking for boxes or as a barrier on a dais or platform.

It is not common practice to use the County Flag to cover a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony and such use should be discouraged.

Nothing should be pinned or sewn on the County Flag.

The County Flag should not be signed or marked in any way.

Flags at Half-Mast

Haldimand County will fly flags at half-mast upon the death of the following or day of significance:

1. The Sovereign or a member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign (spouse, son or daughter, father, mother, brother or sister);
2. The current or a former Governor General;
3. The current or a former Prime Minister;
4. The current member of the House of Commons for the local riding;
5. The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario;
6. The Ontario Premier;
7. The current member of the Provincial Legislative Assembly for the local riding;
8. The current or former Mayor(s) of Haldimand County;

9. A current Haldimand County Council Member;
10. A current Haldimand County Employee;
11. A current Haldimand County Volunteer Firefighter;
12. A current Haldimand County Detachment OPP Officer;
13. April 28th, the Annual Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace;
14. November 11th, Remembrance Day.

In cases which are not addressed by this policy, the CAO or designate may poll Council to determine whether flags will be lowered.

Flags will remain in the half-mast position from the day of death and up to and including the day of the funeral. For days of significance, flags will remain in the half-mast position from sunrise to sunset or from the closing of the last scheduled workday to the reopening of the office.

Flying of Other Flags

Flags flown at County facilities will be restricted to the Canadian flag, the Provincial Flag and the Haldimand County flag, or combination thereof. The Canadian Flag will be in the centre with the provincial flag to the left and the Haldimand County flag to the right (to an observer facing the display). Flags from other organizations will not be displayed at County facilities.

Supply of Flags

Neither Federal nor Provincial flags will be supplied free of charge to employees, organizations or the public. As supply allows, Haldimand County flags will be available for the public, employees and organizations to purchase, after one flag has been made available free of cost to a recognized non-profit community organization, upon receipt of a written request which indicates how/where the flag will be used/displayed.

REVISION HISTORY					
REPORT	CIC		COUNCIL		DETAILS
PS-GM-04-2008	Click here to enter a date.	14	1-Dec-08	188/05	References to Physical Services Department renamed to Public Works Department
SMT Approval 18-May-17	Date	Rec#	Date	Res#	Minor amendments to reflect application of policy to all County facilities flying flags; refine definitions of situations when flags are lowered, and provide latitude for CAO to address situations not addressed in policy
SMT Approval Nov. 19, 2020	Date	Rec#	Date	Res#	Amendment to change order of flags to align with Government of Canada standard.
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