



Village of Warfield

Policy Title: Proclamations Policy

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PURPOSE:

It is the policy of Council not to participate in national, provincial or regional proclamation programs.

POLICY GOAL:

Human Rights Tribunals and Courts of Law in both British Columbia and Ontario have previously held that a municipal Council does not have discretion to endorse, or decline to endorse, requests for proclamations. The purpose and meaning of such proclamation programs became merely administrative in nature and thus lost their stated value.

It is the goal of this policy to lend support to community organizations and causes within the discretionary authority of Council as defined through precedent.

SCOPE:

This Policy applies to Mayor and Council.

POLICY:

1. All invitations and requests for proclamations for causes and programs shall be declined.
2. Council will provide support to community causes, organizations and event by means other than proclamations.

Related Policies, Bylaws or Legislation:

None identified.
