



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 20.1.
Resolution Number 2025-046
Title: Support National Flag of Canada
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Frost
Seconded by: Councillor Sheard

WHEREAS The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a proud Canadian government entity; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago flies the National Flag of Canada at some of its municipal facilities and follows best practices per its published flag policy; and

WHEREAS the National Flag of Canada Act declares it is in the national interest and public interest to encourage the display of the National Flag; and

WHEREAS the National Flag of Canada Act encourages all Canadians to display the Canadian flag as a symbol of our nation's unity representing the principles of freedom, democracy, courage and justice; and representing all Canadians and those that have sacrificed their lives for it; and

WHEREAS the United States of America has threatened to annex Canada as a 51st state; and

WHEREAS former prime ministers Joe Clark, Kim Campbell, Jean Chrétien, Paul Martin, and Stephen Harper urged Canadians to fly the Canadian Flag with pride on Flag Day; and

WHEREAS the National Flag of Canada (National Flag) should be given the place of honour among all other flags inside Canada; and

WHEREAS the National Flag will always be flown on its own flagpole per Canadian Heritage guidelines for residents, private sector, and public sector; and

WHEREAS it is improper to fly the National Flag with another flag, of any type, on the same flagpole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Archipelago adopts the following:

1. That The Archipelago reminds all residents and businesses to follow Canadian Heritage guidelines for flying flags and respect for the National Flag of Canada as the flag of honour;
2. That staff posts the Canadian Heritage guidelines for flying and displaying the Canadian Flags and other flags on The Archipelago website for all of its residents;
3. That staff prepares a Council position on the use of the Flag of Honour for discussion with our communities within The Archipelago for Council approval;
4. That staff evaluates the budget required to fly the Flag of Honour at all facilities of The Archipelago for the 2026 budget cycle; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is forwarded to: MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, the Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, and community associations within The Archipelago.

Carried