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Subject: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Today's council meeting, Item 11.1: Flag Raising Christian Music Festival

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I note that this item is on today's council agenda.

I urge you most strongly to uphold the town of Cobourg's own policy concerning flag raisings and proclamations, which says that requests for flag raisings from religious organizations or celebrating religious events "will not be approved."

The Supreme Court of Canada in its Saguenay decision reinforced the need for government institutions to uphold a duty of neutrality and not recognize any religion over another. (

<https://www.constitutionalstudies.ca/2015/06/the-state-must-be-neutral-the-saguenay-case/?print=print>)

Your vote to declare Christian Heritage Month has already contravened your own policy and settled law in Canada. Please do not compound this error.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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