

November 12 Snapshot

From Desirae Bernreuther <DBERNREU@regina.ca>

Date Tue 11/12/2024 8:53 AM

To Mikhaila Hardy <MHARDY@regina.ca>; Ly Pham <LPHAM@regina.ca>; Kaylyn Demyen <KDEMYEN@regina.ca>; Communications <Communications@regina.ca>; Niki Anderson <NANDERSON@regina.ca>; Michaela Kryshewsky <MKRYSHEW@regina.ca>; ELT <ELT@regina.ca>; Directors <Directors@regina.ca>; Divisional Business Support <businesssupportmanagers@cityofreginalicensing.onmicrosoft.com>; Service_Regina Regina <Service_Regina@regina.ca>

Cc Communications and Service Regina Leaders <StrategicCommunicationsBranch@regina.ca>; Morgan Yantz <MYANTZ@regina.ca>

 1 attachment (120 KB)

SnapShot November 12, 2024.pdf;

Please see attached. Thank you!

Desirae Bernreuther

(Pronouns: she, her, hers)

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City of Regina Snapshot

Month, Day, Year

Planned Media Activity (Releases, Advisories, Events)

Nothing planned this week

Social Media Planned Activity

Post Topic	Description	Date
Non-responsive		

Marketing Campaigns Kicking-Off

Nothing planned this week

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Notes:

- Palestine Day of Independence flag raising November 15

Cindy Howden

From: 28(1) [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:23 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: [External email] Palestinian Flag

I am 100% against the raising of the Palestinian flag at City Hall. I believe the City has far more important issues to attend to rather than trying to be politically correct.

28(1) [Redacted]

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RE: flag issue

From Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 4 07 PM
To Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>; Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>
Cc Heather McKerracher <HMcKerracher@regina.ca>; Jennifer Johnson <JTJOHNSON@regina.ca>

Hi,

16(1)(a)(b)

Thank you,
Margherita

From: Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:48 PM
To: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Cc: Heather McKerracher <HMcKerracher@regina.ca>; Jennifer Johnson <JTJOHNSON@regina.ca>
Subject: RE: flag issue

Hi Jim,

16(1)(b)

Robin

From: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:41 PM
To: Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Cc: Heather McKerracher <HMcKerracher@regina.ca>; Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>
Subject: Re: flag issue

16(1)(a)(b)

Jim Nicol
City Clerk
City of Regina
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Regina, SK S4P 3C8

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From: Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Cc: Heather McKerracher <HMcKerracher@regina.ca>; Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>
Subject: RE: flag issue

Hi,

16(1)(b)

Thank you!

Margherita

From: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:23 PM
To: Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Cc: Heather McKerracher <HMckerracher@regina.ca>
Subject: flag issue

16(1)(b) ? It spoke to the existing policy whereby we would approve this request. And then we could add a short statement that Council will be considering a proposed new flag policy at one of its first meetings of the new Council term.

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Re: [External email] We should not raise the flag of Palestine.

From Terina Nelson <TKNELSON@regina.ca>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 8 27 PM
To 28(1)
Cc Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>

28(1)

Shameful

Terina Nelson
Councillor Ward 7
TKNelson@regina.ca

From: 28(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:24:25 PM
To: Terina Nelson <TKNELSON@regina.ca>
Cc: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Subject: Re: [External email] We should not raise the flag of Palestine.

This is not a statement our Capital City should be making.

I saw Andrew Steven's respond too. Fairness is not the answer.

A flag on our official poll and one cry of "from the river to the sea" and Regina is again getting publicity for ALL the wrong reasons.

Antisemitism is on the rise.

Hamas is a terrorist organization.

This is completely wrong.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8 17 13 PM
To: 28(1)
Cc: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Subject: Re: [External email] We should not raise the flag of Palestine

Ward 3 councillor is not running again.

I just seen on Just Bins Andrew Stevens replied to a resident stating the Israel flag was raised on their Independence Day so why would we not raise the flag

Terina

Terina Nelson
Councillor Ward 7
TKNelson@regina.ca

From: 28(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:13:48 PM
To: Terina Nelson <TKNELSON@regina.ca>
Cc: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Subject: Re: [External email] We should not raise the flag of Palestine.

Thank you. I appreciate your response and seeking answers for me.

Talk about a controversy to hand to the next council. Nov 13th election. Nov 15th the flag event. Nov 18th swearing in.

The timing is truly suspect.

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From: Terina Nelson <TKNELSON@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:04:07 PM
To: 28(1)
Cc: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>
Subject: Re: [External email] We should not raise the flag of Palestine.

Good evening 28(1)

I had no idea this happened. I have cc'd the City Clerk's Office who is in charge of which flags are flown based on protocol. Jim, Amber could you please Cc me in your reply.

Terina Nelson
Councillor Ward 7
TKNelson@regina.ca

From: 28(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:42 PM
To: Bob Hawkins <BHAWKINS@regina.ca>; Andrew Stevens <ASTEVEN@regina.ca>; Lori Bresciani <LBRESCIA@regina.ca>; John Findura <JFINDURA@regina.ca>; Terina Nelson <TKNELSON@regina.ca>; Shanon Zachidniak <SZACHIDN@regina.ca>; Jason Mancinelli <JMANCINE@regina.ca>; Landon Mohl <LMOHL@regina.ca>; Cheryl Stadnichuk <CSTADNIC@regina.ca>; Daniel LeBlanc <DLEBLANC@regina.ca>
Cc: Citymanager <Citymanager@regina.ca>; Mayor <Mayor@regina.ca>
Subject: [External email] We should not raise the flag of Palestine.

I am **disgusted** the City of Regina would raise the flag of Palestine after ALL the antisemitism and recent events in Amsterdam, where Jews were hunted on the night before the anniversary of Kristallnacht.

28(1)

<https://www.westernstandard.news/saskatchewan/regina-first-canadian-city-to-host-palestine-flag-raising-ceremony/59397>

Sneaking it in AFTER the election on the 13th and before the new Council can meet is convenient timing. Shameful.

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Re: MEDIA REQUEST: Flag raising ceremony

From Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>

Date Tue 11/12/2024 2:57 PM

To Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>

Cc City of Regina Media Relations <mediarelations@regina.ca>; Heather McKerracher <HMcKerracher@regina.ca>

Hi. I think the statement is fine. I have attached a statement respecting the federal government's position on the PLA that you may want to incorporate.

Has Canada recognize Palestine?

The Canadian government recognizes the Palestinian Authority (PA) as the representative of the Palestinian people and has maintained contact with the PA since its establishment in 1994.

Jim Nicol

City Clerk

City of Regina

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From: Margherita Vittorelli <MVITTORELLI@regina.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:46 PM

To: Jim Nicol <JNICOL@regina.ca>; Amber Ackerman <AACKERMA@regina.ca>

Cc: City of Regina Media Relations <mediarelations@regina.ca>; Heather McKerracher <HMcKerracher@regina.ca>


Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Flag raising ceremony

Hello,

We have received the first of what may be many media requests on the decision to raise the Palestinian flag.

We have drafted a short statement below, however we may need to provide additional rationale on why the request was approved. To the best of my knowledge and understanding, the Government of Canada falls slightly short of fully acknowledging Palestinian sovereignty at this time (and the reporter appears correct, there seems to be little precedent of government entities in Canada raising the Palestinian flag), so we have to provide a bit to explain our decision. How was the determination to approve the request made?

16(1)(a)(b)



Thank you,
Margherita

From: Christopher Oldcorn <coldcorn@westernstandard.news>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 12:12 PM
To: City of Regina Media Relations <mediarelations@regina.ca>
Subject: [External email] MEDIA REQUEST: Flag raising ceremony

Hello,

The upcoming Palestine flag-raising ceremony is the first I can find in Canada (outside of one ceremony at Nágáwéng First Nation that had a Palestinian flag-raising event on February 10, 2024).

Could I get a comment on the significance of Regina being the first city?

Thank you for your time,

Chris Oldcorn
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Cindy Howden

From: Michaela Kryshewsky
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 9:01 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Niki Anderson; Ly Pham; Kaylyn Demyen; Dawn Kobayashi; Jennifer Zitaruk
Subject: Councillor Inquiry Update and Snapshot - November 12
Attachments: November 8_Councillor Inquiry Update.pdf; SnapShot November 12, 2024.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good Morning,

Please find attached:

- Councillor Inquiry Update for the week of November 4 – November 8
- The Snapshot for November 12 – 15

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,

Michaela Kryshewsky
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Councillor Liaison Weekly Update: Week Ending November 8, 2024

Non-responsive



Non-responsive



Resident Inquiries that May Be of Interest:

Non-responsive



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Updates from Administration:

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- Palestine Day of Independence flag raising November 15

Cindy Howden

From: 28(1)
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Citymanager; Clerks; Jonathan Wiens; Stacey Bresselaar; Mayor; Cheryl Stadnichuk; Bob Hawkins; Andrew Stevens; Lori Bresciani; John Findura; Daniel LeBlanc; Terina Nelson; Shanon Zachidniak; Jason Mancinelli; Landon Mohl; Sandra Masters; scott.moe@saskparty.com; blaine.mcleod@saskparty.com; brad.crassweller@saskparty.com
Subject: [External email] Deep Concern Regarding the Raising of the Palestinian Flag on City of Regina Property

Dear City Official,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the recent decision to raise the Palestinian flag on City of Regina property. As a Jewish individual and a member of a community that has long faced historical trauma and conflict, I feel compelled to share my perspective on the profound emotional and psychological impact this action has had on myself, my family, and countless other members of the Jewish community in Regina.

The raising of this flag on publicly owned property is deeply unsettling, as it can be interpreted as a political statement that aligns the City of Regina with a contentious, complex, and highly sensitive international conflict. While I fully respect the rights of individuals and groups to express their views, the decision to raise this particular flag, in this specific context, signals a lack of understanding about the deep historical and ongoing pain that the Jewish community associates with this symbol.

For many of us, the Palestinian flag evokes a sense of fear, vulnerability, and anxiety. The political factions associated with this symbol have been linked to violence and incitement against Jews, including calls for the destruction of Israel and the denial of our right to exist as a people. As you may be aware, the public display of the Palestinian flag has, in many instances, been accompanied by antisemitic rhetoric and actions, with a growing trend of hostility toward Jewish communities in Europe and around the world.

In recent months, we have witnessed a disturbing rise in antisemitic incidents in Europe, often coinciding with displays of Palestinian flags. For example, during protests in France and the UK, Jewish-owned businesses were targeted, and there were multiple reports of verbal and physical attacks on Jews, all taking place under the banner of the Palestinian cause. These incidents have included desecration of Jewish property, violent assaults, and public expressions of hate. Such acts are not isolated; they are part of a larger pattern that shows how the Palestinian flag, in certain contexts, has become a symbol used to justify antisemitic behavior.

These events are not merely distant concerns—they represent a real and growing fear within Jewish communities everywhere, including here in Canada. The raising of the Palestinian flag on City of Regina property sends a message that may unintentionally embolden those who harbor these hostile views, creating an environment where Jews feel vulnerable and unsafe. I am not alone in my anxiety; many Jewish individuals in our community feel the same way.

As a result, I find myself, and many of my fellow Jewish residents, deeply alarmed by this action. The flag represents not only a political stance but also a symbol that has, in too many places, been used to justify violence against Jews. As a city that prides itself on inclusivity and diversity, I believe Regina must be a place where all citizens feel protected, respected, and valued, irrespective of their religious or political background.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this decision. Public institutions like the City of Regina should strive to create an environment that fosters unity, dialogue, and respect for all its residents. Raising politically charged flags in a public space does not contribute to peace or harmony but rather risks deepening divisions and putting vulnerable communities at risk.

While I believe in the right to free speech and peaceful expression, I also believe that the City has a duty to protect the mental well-being and physical safety of all its residents, including those who may feel directly threatened by the symbolism of this action. I urge you to engage in a meaningful dialogue with all affected communities, particularly the Jewish community, to ensure that this decision is reconsidered and that future actions prioritize unity, safety, and the protection of all citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to hearing back from you and hope that we can find a way forward that respects the diverse needs and concerns of all citizens in Regina.

Sincerely,

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From: [Robin Campese](#)
To: [Niki Anderson](#)
Subject: FW: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:42:08 PM

16(1)(b)

From: Ly Pham <LPHAM@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:08 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson <JTJOHNSON@regina.ca>; Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>; Faisal Kalim <FKALIM@regina.ca>
Subject: Re: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Hi,

16(1)(b)

Thanks.

Ly Pham
(she/her)
Chief of Staff
Office of City Manager
306-552-4120

From: Jennifer Johnson <JTJOHNSON@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>; Ly Pham <LPHAM@regina.ca>; Faisal Kalim <FKALIM@regina.ca>
Subject: RE: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

16(1)(a)(b)

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From: Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:11 PM
To: Ly Pham <LPHAM@regina.ca>; Faisal Kalim <FKALIM@regina.ca>
Cc: Jennifer Johnson <JTJOHNSON@regina.ca>
Subject: FW: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Hi,

16(1)(a)(b)

Robin

From: Robin Campese
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Sheri Dowling <SDOWLING@regina.ca>
Subject: RE: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Ok thanks for letting me know.

From: Sheri Dowling <SDOWLING@regina.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 10:56 AM
To: Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>
Subject: RE: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Hi Robin,

The flag raising request was approved and contact person was informed as per email sent out below from Friday, October 18, 2024.

Thank you.

Sheri Dowling
(Pronouns: she/her/hers)
Administrative Support

Office of the City Clerk

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sdowling@regina.ca

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From: Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 10:30 AM

To: Communications <Communications@regina.ca>; Sheri Dowling <SDOWLING@regina.ca>

Subject: RE: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Hi Sheri,

16(1)(a)(b)

Robin

From: Communications <Communications@regina.ca>

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 1:37 PM

To: Robin Campese <RCAMPESE@regina.ca>

Subject: FW: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Mikhaila Hardy

Administrative Associate

Communications & Engagement

306.552.6095

From: Sheri Dowling <SDOWLING@regina.ca>

Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 9:32 AM

To: 28(1)

Cc: 1COMMISS 1COMMISS <1COMMISS@regina.ca>; Communications

<Communications@regina.ca>; FacilitiesSecurity <facilitiessecurity@regina.ca>; Mayor

<Mayor@regina.ca>; events <events@regina.ca>

Subject: Palestine Day of Independence - November 15, 2024

Hi 28(1)

Please see attached approval letter regarding your flag raising request for the Palestine Day of Independence.

Thank you.

Sheri Dowling

(Pronouns: she/her/hers)

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October 17, 2024

28(1)

Dear 28(1) :

Re: Palestine Day of Independence – November 15, 2024

Your request to raise the Palestine flag in front of City Hall on Friday, November 15, 2024, to celebrate Palestine Independence Day, has been approved.

If you wish to have a flag raising ceremony, please contact events@regina.ca to ensure the City Hall Courtyard is available.

Please deliver the flag to the City Hall kiosk on the main floor, no later than Wednesday, November 13, 2024, and arrange for pick up no later than end of day Monday, November, 18, 2024.

For reasons of protocol, guest flags must be the regulation size of three feet by six feet (36 inches x 72 inches). Grommet ends are preferred, but we will accept toggle ends.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 306-777-7262.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber Ackerman'.

Amber Ackerman
Deputy City Clerk

/sd

cc: Commissionaires
Communications
Facilities
Mayor's Office
Events

From: [Desirae Bernreuther](#)
To: [Ly Pham](#); [Christine Pirlot](#)
Cc: [Robin Campese](#); [Jennifer Johnson](#); [Jessy Kindopp](#)
Subject: Media requests November 12
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:47:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Topic	Status	Media outlet
Non-responsive		
Palestine flag raising	response pending	Western Standard

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