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Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 5:15 AM

To: Dorothy Shermer <dshermer@portmoody.ca>; Clerks <Clerks@portmoody.ca>

Subject: REVISED: Request for illumination of the dome lights at City Hall in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falun Dafa Day

Dear Ms. Shermer,

As a resident of Metro Vancouver, I am writing to request for illumination of the dome lights at City Hall of Port Moody in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falun Dafa Day.

We would like to request orange or bright yellow color on May 2nd or May 6th, 2022..

For your reference, I am pleased to attach the letter sent to Mayor Rob Vagramov.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sonya Chia  
[REDACTED]

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Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Falun Dafa in Canada

Re: A special request for a Falun Dafa Day greeting video/letter or proclamation

Dear Mayor Rob Vagramov,

In recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falun Dafa's introduction to the public in 1992, and the contributions of the Falun Dafa community in Canada, we respectfully request a recognition greeting (video, letter, or proclamation), for our annual Falun Dafa Day celebration on May 13, 2022. On this day we celebrate the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance that we espouse.

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a mind/body meditation and improvement practice based on the universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. It was introduced by the founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi, in 1992 in China and it is now enjoyed by millions from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries.

Here in Canada, for the past 30 years, Falun Gong volunteers have taught [free meditation exercises](#) to help Canadians improve their mental, moral and physical wellbeing, contributing to a more healthy and harmonious society.

During the pandemic, the Falun Gong community continued to offer [free meditation classes online](#) in English, French, and Chinese, which has helped thousands cope with the difficult time.

As you may be aware, for the past 23-years the Falun Gong community has been victims of persecution by the communist regime in China. While Human rights and legal experts affirm that [crimes against humanity](#) and [genocide](#) is occurring, Falun Dafa practitioners have peacefully endured, persevered, and stood up for basic human rights and freedoms.

Canadians who practice Falun Gong—many of whom arrived as refugees fleeing the persecution in China—are truly grateful that we can enjoy the freedom, diversity and compassionate support across the Canadian society and are proud to be part of the communities here and call Canada our home.

Every year we have garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from government officials. In 2021 alone, we were

very encouraged to receive support recognition from over 130 Canadian MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and City Councillors. Moreover, under the lock-down in 2021, 8 Canadian city halls held flag-raising or lighting-up ceremonies.

Your greeting/proclamation will help support Canada's cultural diversity, freedom of conscience, and also the universal values of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance.

We would truly appreciate if you could please send by May 5th, 2022. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sue Zhang, on behalf of Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**5 enclosures below:**

**1. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun gong' (6:35 min)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ-A6xY47jc>

**2. Eight Flag Raising and Light-up Ceremony Hosting Cities in 2021:**

Niagara Falls, ON; Edmonton, AB; Kingston, ON; New Westminster, BC;  
Nanaimo, BC; Orangeville, ON; St. Catharine, ON; Orillia, ON



### **3. 29 Video Greetings from VIPs in Canada on World Falun Dafa Day (2021)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbEZUTh6qTI&t=57s>

### **4. Greetings excerpts for the 2021 Falun Dafa Month Celebration (from 138 greetings issued by representatives of three levels of government):**

2021 Municipal Proclamation and Mayor's Greetings of Falun Dafa Day

Mayor John Tory, Toronto, ON

Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB

Mayor Jim Watson, Ottawa, ON

Mayor Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton, NL

Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON

Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catherines, ON

Mayor Daniel Conway, St. George's, NL

Mayor Steve Clarke, Orillia, ON

Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK

Mayor Sandy Brown, Orangeville, ON

Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK

Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, ON

Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax, NS

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward,  
Burlington, ON

Mayor Bobbie Drew, Scugog, ON

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan,  
ON

Mayor Ed Holder, London, ON

Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON

Mayor Mike Bradley, Sarnia, ON

Mayor Gary McNamara, Tecumseh,  
ON

Mayor Craig Copeland, City of Cold  
Lake, AB

Mayor John Stewart, City of Beaumont,  
AB

Mayor Stuart Houston, City of Spruce  
Grove, AB

Mayor Jackie Clayton, City of Grande  
Prairie, AB

Mayor Ray Ralph, Town of Devon, AB

Mayor Jonathan Cote, New  
Westminster, BC

Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC

Mayor Colin Basran, City of Kelowna,  
BC

Mayor Leonard Krog, City of Nanaimo,  
BC

Mayor Aaron Stone, City of Ladysmith,  
BC

Mayor Chris Pieper, City of Armstrong,  
BC

Mayor Brad West, City of Port  
Coquitlam, BC

Mayor Jack Froese, Township of  
Langley, BC

Mayor Mike Morden, City of Maple  
Ridge, BC

Mayor Michelle Staples, City of  
Duncan, BC

Mayor Bob Wells, City of Courtenay,  
BC

Mayor Rob Vagramov, City of Port  
Moody, BC

Mayor Darnelda Siegers, City of  
Sechelt, BC

Director Twyla Slonsky, City of Port  
Alberni, BC

“My thanks to members of the Falun Dafa community in Saskatchewan for contributing to a more harmonious society. As well, thank you for sharing your meditation practices to help others manage the additional stress caused by the challenges of the past year.”

***-Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty of the Province of Saskatchewan,  
Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I commend you for your promoting peace in the world, especially through your teachings on the universal human values of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.”

***-Lieutenant Governor of Province of Prince Edward Island, Letter of  
Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“Through the promotion of the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has attracted followers around the world and I am proud of Canada’s lively Falun Dafa community. In Canada, we are fortunate to live in a country that respects human rights and Canada’s Conservatives will always stand up for religious minorities.”

***-Hon. Erin O’Toole, Leader of the Conservative Party, greetings 2021***

“Your compassion, your truthfulness, your principles, and your morals are wonderful attributes to all of you. We should continue to focus on issues of freedom, respect, and love for each other as we continue to build a better Canada and a better world.”

***-MP Judy Sgro, Co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021***

“But we also know today that Falun Gong, long a legal entity in Hong Kong, is resisting the regime’s intimidation, an important voice in defense of the democratic principles of free thought, free speech, free assembly, and the rule of law... on this anniversary, it is an honor to join millions enjoying freedom around the world and offering our support of greetings: Zhen, Shan, Ren [Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance].”

***-MP Peter Kent, Co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021***

“Your commitment to Compassion, Truthfulness, and Forbearance in the midst of very challenging circumstances has been an inspiration to me and to many others.... the Falun Gong community has been leading the way in terms of advocating for their own community but also highlighting the plight of the other communities facing challenges as well.”

***-MP Garnett Genuis, co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, Video Greeting 2021***

“I have great respect for the Principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance, which the guide the Falun Dafa movement. I stand with you not only in



celebration but in solidarity as you fight to protect your right to your spiritual practice.”

***-Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament (MP) and Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Greeting Letter 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“The past year has been a time of uncertainty and struggle for many. However, I know that Falun Dafa’s values of truthfulness, harmony, compassion and tolerance have guided and enriched the lives of many thousands of practitioners these difficult times.”

***-MP Hon. Candice Bergen, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

“Falun Dafa is an ancient practice that transcends barriers and embraces people from all walks of life – guided by principles of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance”. Sadly, innocent practitioners of this peaceful discipline continue to be persecuted on ethnic or religious grounds by the Chinese Communist Party. We must continue to stand in solidarity with adherents of Falun Dafa and all other oppressed religious minority groups, such as Tibetans and Uighurs.”

***-Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Greeting Letter, 2021 Falun Dafa Day***

Greeting from MPs: Hon. Candice Bergen, James Bezan, Mark Gerretsen, Nally Shin, Kenny Chiu, Ziad Aboultaif, James Cumming, Tom Kmiec, Kerry Diotte, Hon. Dominic Cardy, Elizabeth May, Ed Fast, Laurel Collins, Marc Dalton, Brad Vis, Tamara Jansen, Stephanie Kusie, Greg McClean, Jag Sahota, Len Webber, Ron Liepert, Kelly McCauley, Heather McPherson, John Barlow, Ted



Falk, Kyle Seeback, Cathay Wagantall, Warren Steinley, Marty Morantz, Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Marie-France Lalonde, Scott Reid

Greeting from MPPs: Lindsey Park, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, France G  linas, Amy Fee, Hon. Laura Ross, Marty Morantz, Dijjeet Brar, Stephen Blais, Belinda Karahalios, [et.al](#)

##### 5. about Falun Dafa:

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a self-improvement practice rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa's teachings are the tenets of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance. Practitioners of Falun Dafa aim to live in accordance with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

Falun Dafa transcends cultural boundaries and contributes to a healthier and more harmonious society. Since Falun Dafa's public introduction in 1992, hundreds of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the [free teachings](#) help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing.

On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 23 years, major human rights organizations, the United Nations, the U.S. government, and NGOs, etc. have extensively documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, mass imprisonment, forced slave labour, torture, and killing of people who practice Falun Dafa in China.

Hence, millions of Falun Dafa practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are sold

by the state. International legal experts say that crime [against humanity](#), and possibly [genocide](#), have occurred. Falun Gong community and supporters in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation, harassment, and vilification by the CCP.

The Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, has endured two decades of unimaginable adversity with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and the universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.

For more information about Falun Dafa, please visit <https://faluninfo.net>

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