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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:26 PM
To: Corporate <Corporate@pemberton.ca>
Subject: Request for a Greeting letter / Flag Raising - Celebrating the 32nd Falun Dafa Day Anniversary

Dear Mayor Mike Richman,

In commemoration of the 32nd Falun Dafa Day on May 13th, 2024, for celebrating Falun Dafa spreading to the public, we respectfully request again a recognition in the form of a Greeting letter/Flag Raising. This annual occasion pays tribute to the contributions of the Falun Dafa community in Canada—many of whom arrived here as refugees fleeing persecution in China, and celebrates the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.

In 2023, we were very glad to have had 16 Canadian cities have flags-raising or lighting-up the landmarks to celebrate our Falun Dafa Day. We also received 88 supporting letters and/or proclamations from Canadian MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and City Councillors.

Originated from the autocratic communist China 32 years ago, along with 25 years' brutal persecution even with the horrific organ harvesting, [facing the transnational repression](#), the Falun Dafa community has endured, persevered and flourished peacefully. At the same time, Canadian Falun Dafa practitioners are proud to build our communities across the country and call Canada home.

The fight for freedom and integrity continues, as community members courageously fend off intimidation, threat, and mis/dis-information campaign by the long-arm operation of China's communist regime that has infiltrated many aspects of Canadian politics and social life.

Here in Canada, Falun Gong volunteers have taught [free meditation exercises](#) that have helped thousands of Canadians improve their mental, moral and physical well-being, contributing to a more healthy and harmonious society.

We are genuinely grateful for the freedom, diversity and compassionate support received across the society. Year to year, the Falun Dafa communities have garnered worldwide recognition, including greetings and proclamations. By sending a greeting letter/video to mark the 32nd Falun Dafa Anniversary, you help affirm Canada's commitment to the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, and to the upholding of human rights and freedom of conscience.

For the greeting letter/video, it will be greatly appreciated if you could send it to us by **May 5th, 2024**. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
Sue Zhang
on behalf of Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver

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4 enclosures below:

1. 16 Flag Raising/Light-up Hosting Cities in 2023, and 14 MPs joined Ottawa Rally: ON : Hamilton; Barrie; Cambridge; Milton; Cornwall; Pembroke; Orangeville; St. Catharine; Orillia; Brighton; Brock, Scugog, Amherstburg; AB: Edmonton; SK: Regina; Saskatoon;



2a. A short video of 'An Introduction to Falun gong' (6:35 min)

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

For more information, please visit faluninfo.net

2b. Members of Parliament and Practitioners Celebrate the 31st Anniversary of Falun Dafa's Public Introduction

(1) <https://en.minghui.org/html/articles/2023/5/7/208414.html>

3. Greetings for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2023(excerpt from 88 greetings):

“It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to the Falun Dafa community here in Canada...Today, as practitioners face discrimination and violence from the Chinese community party in Beijing, Conservatives join with Falun Dafa in their calls for tolerance, peace, and freedom for their people... I hope that all Falun Dafa practitioners are filled with a spirit of hope and freedom...”

–Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Party, greetings 2023

“Falun Dafa, it promotes kindness, it promotes kindness to each other. And that’s the message that the world needs. Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance are the principles of every Falun Dafa practitioner. Canada needs to promote Falun Dafa, and the whole world needs to promote it to strive for more peace.” **–Hon. Judy Sgro, co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Rally speech 2023**

“Such an exciting moment last December. Bill S-223 has now become law. There is so much more work to be done though, as the horrific violence against Falun Gong practitioners, including organ harvesting continues. And our advocacy now needs to turn to seeing the full implementation of this bill,...and how to identify and prosecute those that are involved in forced organ harvesting and trafficking and come back to Canada.” - **MP Garnett Genuis, co-chair of the FalunGong Parliamentary Friendship Group Speech 2023**

As Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada and Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations to the Falun Dafa community as you gather to celebrate the 31st Anniversary of public introduction of Falun Dafa. I have great respect for the principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance.

– MP Elizabeth May, greeting message, Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party, greetings for 2023

“May 13th is a very special day as practitioners and supporters around the world will celebrate this year 30th Anniversary. Truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance,... have “so much meaning” in society today. I want to wish all to have a special celebration on May 13th”

–MP Melissa Lantsman, Deputy leader of the Conservative Party Greeting letter 2023 Falun Dafa Day

“I would like to begin by saying how important your voices are to our government. I would like to also express my solidarity with Falun Dafa and with you all.– **MP Rachel Bendayan, Rally Speech 2023 Falun Dafa Day**

“Your principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance are welcome teachings in our province. Thank you for promoting personal wellbeing and working towards a more peaceful and harmonious world. Please accept my best wishes for successful and enjoyable celebrations of your 31st anniversary and Falun Dafa Day.”

-Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty of the Province of Saskatchewan, Letter of Greetings, 2023 Falun Dafa Day

“Falun Dafa communities have flourished peacefully across our country, creating a more unified and harmonious society. Now, more than ever, Falun Dafa’s message of truthfulness, forbearance, and compassion are an example to all of us”

– Her Worship Kate Rogers, Fredericton, Letter of Greetings, 2023 Falun Dafa Day

We also received greetings from:

MPs: Richard Martel, James Bezan, Yvan Baker, Kyle Seeback, Ted Talk, Colin Carrie, Dan Muys, Tom Kmiec, Marilyn Gladu, Marc Dalton, Arnold Viersen, Greg McLean, Pat Kelly, Ron Liepert, Stephanie Kusie, Blaine Calkins, Rachael Thomas, Ziad Aboultaif, Michael Cooper, Chris Warkentin, John Brassard,

MPPs/MLAs: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Hon. Laura Ross, Hon. Christine Tell, Hon. Pat Dunn, Alana Ross, Ron Schuler, Rudy Cuzzetto,

Mayors’ Proclamation/Greetings: Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Fredericton, London, Sault Ste.Marie, Springwater, Leamington, LaSalle, Perry Sound, Tecumseh, New Westminster, Mission, Port Coquitlam, West

Vancouver, Langley, White Rock, Maple Ridge, Chilliwack, Saanich, Duncan, Red Deer, Lloydminster, Crowsnest Pass, Coaldale, Pincher Creek, Banff, Canmore, Rocky View

Councillors: *James Pasternak, Lisa Kearns, Raj Dhaliwal, Gian-Carlo Carra, Andre Chabot, Mike Spadafora, Nigussie Nigussie, Esther Pauls*

4. About Falun Dafa:

[Falun Dafa](#) (also known as Falun Gong) is a spiritual 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 accord with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

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 and contribute to a more healthy and peaceful society.

On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 21 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 labours, torture, and killings of people who practice Falun Gong in China.

Millions of Falun Gong practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are being sold by the state. International legal experts say that crimes against humanity, and possibly genocide, have occurred. Practitioners and supporters in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation and harassment and vilification by the CCP.

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