



February 5th, 2026

To: Town of the Blue Mountains,

We submitted Appendix Schedule C, Application for Proclamation and Flag Raising on January 19th, 2026.

In honour of "Irish Heritage Month Canada" our local students wish to increase public awareness, celebrate arts and culture, and preserve their heritage and history within the Town of the Blue Mountains, Ontario.

As, a not for profit, we seek approval for our request to have a proclamation and Flag Raising ceremony during the month of March in honour of "Irish Heritage Month Canada"

We have been sharing our after school programs within the community since year 2012. We utilize school gymnasiums through the Bluewater District School Board community use policy, reaching all ages and abilities.

Whereas, in 2004 the Government of Ontario proclaimed Bill 33: An Act proclaiming Irish Heritage Day- March 17th, the day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish; and

Whereas, the Government of Canada marked the first official "Irish Heritage Month Canada" in March of 2022; and

Whereas, today almost 4.6 million Canadians in towns and cities across Canada can trace their ancestry back to Ireland; and

Whereas, Irish Canadians have greatly contributed to the story of our country, province and town and this month is an opportunity to learn more about their history, culture and positive impacts to our local community, and

Whereas, the Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada with ten locations in Ontario, and one within Thornbury in the Town of the Blue Mountains, is celebrating the month with Irish dance performances, workshops and camp days open to all ages and abilities.

Thank you for your consideration,


Mary Foley, Director

Blue Mountains



Application for Proclamation

POL.COR.21.01

Please complete and submit your completed form to the Town Clerk at least **3 weeks** in advance of the occasion.

Organization Name	CELTIC ACADEMY IRISH DANCE CANADA
Contact Name	MARY FOLEY, DIRECTOR
Address	ONTARIO.
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]

Proclamation Requested (Name/Title of Proclamation)
IRISH HERITAGE MONTH CANADA

Dates of Proclamation (Please check and insert dates)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Day(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Week	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Month	MARCH 2026
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Purpose of Proclamation (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Civic Promotions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Awareness Campaign	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charitable Fundraising Campaign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arts and Cultural Celebration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Honour for Individual/Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

Description of Your Organization (Please include a brief description and any other relevant information related to your request. Additional information/documentation may be attached to this application. www.irishdancecanada.com)

IRISH DANCE CANADA - PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO including the Town of the Blue Mountains, Thornbury. Local students requesting FLAG RAISING and PROCLAMATION - FOR "IRISH HERITAGE MONTH CANADA" - MARCH

POL.COR.21.01 Flag Protocol and Proclamation Policy
Schedule C

Has the same or a similar proclamation been requested of the Town of The Blue Mountains Council in the past?

Yes (insert date of previous request)

No

Please provide the draft wording for your proclamation for Council consideration in order to receive an official signed proclamation from the Mayor.

Proclamation Flag (please provide photo of the proposed flag if applicable)

Signature: _____



Date: _____

Jan. 21st, 2026

Thank you.

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Date Request Received _____

Proclamation Outcome

Approved

Denied

Other

Approved/Denied By _____

Approval Date _____

Additional Comments _____