

## CITY OF GRAND FORKS

<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	<b>Half Masting of Canadian Flag</b>	<b>POLICY NO:</b>	<b>201</b>
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### **Policy:**

The Canadian Flag at City Hall and the Heritage Courthouse will be flown at half-mast following the death of a dignitary as defined in this policy.

The following procedures are to be followed:

Flags are half-masted as a sign of respect and mourning upon death. Flags are normally flown at half-mast from the time of notification of death, up to and including the day of the funeral.

At half-mast, the centre of the flag should be exactly half way down the mast height.

Flags will be flown at half-mast in the case of the death of:

1. The Sovereign, or a member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign.
2. Governor General or former Governor General of Canada.
3. Prime Minister or former Prime Minister of Canada.
4. Chief Justice of Canada.
5. Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.
6. Premier or former Premier of British Columbia.
7. Chief Justice of British Columbia.
8. Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
9. Provincial Cabinet Ministers.
10. The sitting member in the provincial legislature or a past sitting member for the local riding.
11. The sitting Member of Parliament or a past sitting member for the local riding.
12. Mayor or sitting member of Council of Grand Forks.

13. On other occasions as recommended by the Protocol Office of British Columbia.
14. On other occasions as deemed appropriate by Council resolution.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish guidelines for the half-masting of the Canadian flag at City Hall and the Heritage Courthouse.