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**From:** Sue Zhang  
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**To:** <barb.desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject: Re: Greetings Letter/Proclamation Request for Falun Dafa Day**  
**Reply-To:** Sue Zhang

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**Apr 11th, 2019**

**RE: Greetings Letter/Proclamation Request for Falun Dafa Day**

Dear Mayor Barbara Desjardins,

I am writing to respectfully request a greeting/proclamation message from you for our celebration of May 13th as Falun Dafa Day, as we pay tribute to the 27th anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) to the public.

Falun Dafa is an advanced traditional meditation and self-improvement system of mind, body, and spirit based on the universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.

Falun Dafa has benefited tens of millions of people, both physically and spiritually, from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries around the world since its public introduction in China on May 13, 1992.

Over the years, worldwide recognition of Falun Dafa has included thousands of awards and proclamations from governments and officials, including Canadian Mayors, Premiers, and Prime Ministers, for its cross-cultural promotion of universal principles and contribution to a more peaceful, tolerant, and compassionate society.

In Canada, we are privileged to embrace the values of openness, diversity, and the freedoms of conscience and belief. It is in this spirit we celebrate the anniversary of Falun Dafa Day this May across Canada.

We would appreciate receiving a greeting/proclamation message from you by **May 9th, 2019**.

Enclosed are a few examples of messages from government officials we received last year for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sue Zhang.

Yours truly,  
Sue Zhang  
Director  
Falun Dafa Association of Vancouver

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**Greetings, proclamations and speeches for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2018 (excerpt):**

Through the promotion of the principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, millions of people around the world have benefitted from the teachings of Falun Dafa. I know this practice has a strong following in Canada's peaceful, pluralistic society. *—Hon. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, Greetings for Falun Dafa Celebration 2018*

The messages that you deliver of peacefulness, compassion, respect, are the messages that all of us in Canada need to think about every single day. *—Hon. Judy Sgro, MP, Co-Chair of Parliament Friends for Falun Gong, speech on Parliament Hill on May 9, 2018*

Through the promotion of the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance, millions of people around the world have benefitted from the teachings of Falun Dafa. *—Hon. Peter Kent, MP, Co-Chair of Parliamentary Friends of Falun Gong, speech on Parliament Hill on May 9, 2018*

I have great respect for the principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance, which guide the Falun Dafa movement *—Hon. Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada, speech/greetings for 2018*

At a time of unrest in many countries, Falun Dafa has much to teach us about peace and harmony. We are fortunate, indeed, to live in a country that embraces freedom, and welcomes us to practice our beliefs.  
*—Hon. W. Thomas Molloy, Lieutenant Governor, Saskatchewan, Greetings for 2018*

The commitment of Falun Dafa's followers to the tenets of Truthfulness, and kindness, as well as the pursuit of improving oneself through the quiet practice of meditation and gentle movement is admirable  
*— Hon. Sandy Silver, Premier of Yukon, Greetings for 2018*

I'm pleased to join you in celebration of the 26th anniversary of Falun Dafa. The principles of Falun Dafa: Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance, are values that we all aspire to achieve in Canada.  
*—James Bezan, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2018*

I support the efforts that you're doing with regards to the peacefulness of the mind, and dealing with the individuals that need that help. *—Larry McGuire, MP, speech for Falun Dafa Day on Parliament Hill on May 9, 2018*

It is my honour to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Falun Dafa Association of Canada on this, the celebration of their 26th anniversary...and truly appreciate their work in sharing the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. *—Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP, greetings for Falun Dafa Month 2018*

I would like to extend my warmest greeting to those celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public... This milestone is a wonderful occasion to highlight the guiding principles of Falun Dafa; *Truthfulness, Benevolence, and Forbearance.*  
*—Stephanie Kusie, MP, Greeting for 26th Falun Dafa Anniversary, 2018*

As a society, we appreciate values like truthfulness, benevolence and tolerance and recognize those qualities as core principles of Falun Dafa.

–Hon. Gene Makowsky, MLA, SK. Greeting for 26th Falun Dafa Anniversary, 2018

#### 2018 Municipal Proclamation of Falun Dafa Day

Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa, ON  
Mayor Jim Diodati, Niagara Falls, ON  
Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON  
Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, ON  
Mayor Rob Burton, Oakville, ON  
Mayor Al McDonald, North Bay, ON  
Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Amberstburg, ON  
Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK  
Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK  
Mayor Rick Lang, Melfort, SK  
Mayor Colin Basron, Kelowna, BC  
Mayor Chris Pieper, Armstrong, BC  
Mayor Phil Kent, Duncan, BC  
Mayor Rajean Masson, Martinville, QC

#### 2018 Greetings from Mayors

Mayor Daryl Bennett, Peterborough, ON  
Mayor Chris Friel, Brantford, ON  
Mayor Walter Sendzik, St. Catharins, ON  
Mayor Rick Goldring, Burlington, ON  
Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON  
Mayor John Henry, Oshawa, ON  
Mayor Jeff Lehman, Barrie, ON  
Mayor Taso A. Christopher, Belleville, ON  
Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Aurora, ON  
Mayor Christian Provenazano, Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB  
Mayor Denis Perrault, Swift Current, SK  
Mayor Lois E. Jackson, Delta, BC  
Mayor Linda Hepner, Surrey, BC  
Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody, BC  
Mayor Stuart Houston, Spruce Grove, AB

**We also received greetings from:** *Senator Marilou McPhedran, MP Ted Falk, MP Hon. Candice Bergen, MP Dane Lloyd, MP Karen McCrimmon, MP Larry Bagnell, MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP Karen McCrimmon, MP Peter Julian, MP Stephanie Kusie, MP Dane Lloyd, MP Tom Kmiec, MP Deepak Obhrai, MP Pat Kelly, MP Len Webber, MP Darshan Kang, MP Michael Cooper, MP Kelly McCauley, MP Kerry Diotte, MP Garnett Genuis, MP Mike Lake,*

*Hon. Jason Kenney, MLA, AB; Saskatchewan Education Minister, Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Saskatchewan MLA Dr. Ryan Meili, Ontario, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, Ontario MPP Hon. Mitzie Hunter, Ontario MP Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Mississauga Councillor Ron Starr, Toronto councillor Josh Matlow, Calgary Councillor Jeromy Farkas,*

**Celebration Rally speakers in Ottawa:** *MP David Anderson, Hon. Judy Sgro, Hon. Peter Kent, MP Larry McGuire, MP Garnett Genuis, MP Elizabeth May, MP Robert Falcon-Ouellette, MP James Bezan, Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Former MP David Kilgour, Former MP John Weston, Father Deacon Andrew Bennett, Ms. Sheng Xue*

#### Introduction to Falun Dafa:

A traditional Qigong exercise based on ancient Chinese values, *Falun Dafa* emphasizes the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance in every practitioner's life. It comprises a set of 5 gentle, tranquil exercises, through which one is able to attain a healthy body and spiritual enlightenment. More than 100 million practitioners all over the world have benefited tremendously from the practice. Falun Dafa activities and classes are open to the public and free of charge.

Since its introduction on May 13th, 1992 by its founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa has received worldwide recognition for its concerted efforts to promote harmony, tolerance, and compassion in society. Those who practise learn to overcome selfishness, think of others first, look inside themselves for causes of conflicts, and elevate their moral character, thereby

becoming better and healthier persons and more responsible members of society. Mr. Li, meanwhile, seeks no monetary gain and requires that the practice be available to everyone free of charge.

Despite a nation-wide state-led persecution of Falun Dafa, launched in China on July 20th, 1999 by the former Chinese communist leader Jiang Zemin, the popularity of Falun Dafa has not only remained undiminished, but also flourished all over the world. Falun Dafa practitioners—inside and outside China—have responded to persecution with peaceful and persistent efforts to inform the public about the persecution, correct false claims made by the communist regime's propaganda about Falun Gong, and in so doing have provided an outstanding example of virtue and humanity in the face of injustice.

Falun Dafa practitioners across the world have walked a truly moral, righteous and honourable path, winning wide recognition, support, and respect. Together, we will commemorate this historical era of millions of Falun Dafa practitioners' righteous deeds and once again, acknowledge Falun Dafa and the benefits it brings to individuals, communities, and the world at large.

For more information, please browse: [www.falundafa.ca](http://www.falundafa.ca) or [www.faluninfo.net](http://www.faluninfo.net)

Falun Dafa Day  
Honoring Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance  
May 13, 2019

WHEREAS: Falun Dafa is an advanced ancient exercise and meditation practice of mind, body, and spirit based on the universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance; and

WHEREAS: Falun Dafa practitioners follow the principles and incorporate them into their daily lives, striving to become better people in all environments and situations; and

WHEREAS: Falun Dafa has benefited both physically and spiritually tens of millions of people in over 100 countries around the world since its public introduction in China on May 13 1992; and

WHEREAS: Falun Dafa transcends cultural and racial boundaries and contributes to a more peaceful, tolerant, and compassionate society; and

THEREFORE: I, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim

MAY 13, 2019 FALUN DAFA Day