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**From:** Francophone Affairs Program PREM:EX [mailto:FAP@gov.bc.ca]  
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**To:** Jodi Graham  
**Subject:** Invitation to display the Franco-Columbian flag on March 20

Bonjour Ms. Graham,

The Francophone Affairs Program of British Columbia invites your municipality to join the Province in the celebration of BC Francophonie Day on March 20th by displaying the Franco-Columbian flag for one day at your Municipal Hall.

This is also a friendly reminder that the township of Esquimalt received a Franco-Columbian flag in 2015 from the Francophone Affairs Program.

Since 2002, the Province of British Columbia annually proclaims March 20th as "Journée de la francophonie" (BC Francophonie Day). March 20 has also been designated la Journée internationale de la francophonie (International Day of la Francophonie) since 1988. There are approximately 300 000 French speaking citizens in B.C., with more than 40 francophone associations and organizations actively representing the francophone language and culture in the province. In addition, more than 54,000 students are enrolled in French Immersion programs and there are several francophone festivals in the province that attract thousands of participants each year.

We invite you to join us in celebrating francophones and francophiles in British Columbia and around the world by raising or displaying the Franco-Columbian flag at your Municipal Hall on Thursday, March 20. By displaying the Franco-Columbian flag, you will be celebrating BC Francophonie Day while recognizing and honouring our francophone heritage and culture in British Columbia.

We hope you can join us to celebrate the proclamation of March 20th, 2018 as "Journée de la francophonie" in British Columbia.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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