

Date: July 25, 2024

To: Mayor and Councillors

On behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women, I am writing to ask City Council to once again approve the lowering of the Flag at City Hall on December 6th, the anniversary of the 1989 Montreal Massacre. Reminding us that on that date 14 women were murdered and 14 people were injured at the Ecole Polytechnique in a Misogynist massacre of female students. And that sadly the horror of violence against women still haunts us.

The lowering of the flag ceremony last year garnered a huge audience and it was covered extensively in all the local papers. The presence of the mayor, many counsellors and our M.P. reinforced Stratford's endorsement of Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest that "Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic".

We would like to thank all who attended and made this ceremony so meaningful last year and ask if on December 6th the city will once again lower the flag, with the Mayor attendance.

With many thanks,

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Committee to Eliminate Violence Against Women