



PROCLAMATION

Franco-Ontarian Week September 21-25, 2026

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Franco-Ontarian Day Act, which was legislated on April 26, 2010, it is declared that September 25th of each year be recognized as Franco-Ontarian Day throughout the province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS, September 25th is the anniversary of the first raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag and it represents over 400 years of French presence in Ontario; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 745,000 Francophones in Ontario, the largest Francophone community outside of Quebec; and

WHEREAS, Franco-Ontarian Day has become an annual occasion to celebrate the Francophone Community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Andrew Hallikas, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Fort Frances, do hereby proclaim September 21 – 25, 2026 to be FRANCO-ONTARIAN WEEK and join the Francophone Community of Fort Frances in celebrating its exceptional contribution to Ontario's growth and prosperity.

Andrew Hallikas, Mayor