



August 31, 2020

Majid Jowhari, MP
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Email: majid.jowhari@parl.gc.ca

Re: "Emancipation Day"

Dear Mr. Jowhari,

At the regular council meeting of August 24, 2020, Council reviewed the attached resolution from the City of Elliot supporting the Private Member Bill to designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day". As a result of the review the following resolution was passed,

R20-08-304

Moved By Councillor Bondy

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Meloche

That correspondence from the City of Elliot Lake, supporting the Private Member Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari, that August 1 of every year be designated as "Emancipation Day" in Canada, recognizing the heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada, be received and supported; and

That a letter of support be sent to Majid Jowhari, MP Richmond Hill and Chris Lewis, MP Essex, and a copy of the letter be sent to the City of Elliot Lake.

Carried

Please accept this letter in support of recognizing August 1 as "Emancipation Day" every year in Canada.



Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger".

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Enclosure

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**THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

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Moved By: T. Turner
Seconded By: L. Cyr

THAT the City of Elliot Lake Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Member Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1 Session that reads as follows:

"THAT the House recognizes that:

The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834;

Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834; Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;

The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for people of African Descent to highlight important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism;

The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to the Member of Parliament for Algoma and all House of Commons representatives; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to all municipalities in Ontario.

Resolution No. 249/20 Carried Mayor Dan Marchisella



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Natalie Bray

City Clerk August 14, 2020