



May 30, 2022

City of Mission
8645 Stave Lake St,
Mission, BC
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Dear Mayor and Council of Mission City,

Fraser Valley Youth Society (FVYS) is a local non-profit organization that for the past 22 years has offered support to 2SLGBTQIA+ youth in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission. Our mission is to build and maintain networks and opportunities for learning, support, and expression among queer, questioning, and allied youth in the Fraser Valley. FVYS is the host of Fraser Valley Pride Celebration, which for the past ten years has created a safe space for the community to celebrate diversity in gender and sexuality while supporting the rights of 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and their allies. Today FVYS would like to formally request the City of Mission's support by flying the Progress Pride Flag at Mission City Hall and Fraser River Heritage Park during Fraser Valley Pride Week July 9 to 16, 2022.

The Progress Pride Flag based on the iconic rainbow flag celebrates the diversity of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and calls for a more inclusive society. The flag includes black and brown stripes to represent marginalized 2SLGBTQIA+ communities of colour, alongside the colours pink, light blue, and white to represent the transgender community. By flying the Progress Pride Flag Mission City would be acknowledging the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community, that there is a continued fight for diversity, equality, and inclusion, and that the City of Mission is in support of a safe and equitable community.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to creating a community rooted in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Sincerely

Executive Director Pierre Richez
& Fraser Valley Youth Society Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Richez', is written over a horizontal line.