

**From:** [Elsabe Falkson](#)  
**To:** [Sullivan, Iain](#)  
**Cc:** [Ochej, Derek](#);  
**Subject:** Proclamation - October 24th World Polio Day - to be approved by Kingston City Council.  
**Date:** September 30, 2024 9:57:11 PM  
**Attachments:**

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Applicant name: Elsabé Falkson & Arja Harmalainen

Applicant Address:

Applicant phone number:

Applicant email address:

Organization name: Rotary Clubs in Kingston

Organization address: 4296 Bath Road, Kingston

Is the organization a not-for-profit? Yes

Proclamation name: World Polio Day

Proclamation date: October 24

How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?\*

*Many older citizens of Kingston remember the iron lungs and the toll (paralysis and death) of the Poliomyelitis epidemic from 1946 through 1953. In 1953, Canada's worst polio epidemic year, there were a total of almost 9,000 cases and 494 deaths.*

*Poliomyelitis is a virus, and if children are not vaccinated, the consequences of a pandemic could be devastating. We hope for a polio-free world, but we stay vigilant as polio is still endemic in 2 countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan).*

- *Each year 400 million people are immunised by Rotary and its partners.*
- *20 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralysed.*
- *It costs \$4 to protect a child from Polio for life.*

*World Polio Day is a time for all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize Rotary International's progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions all citizens need to take to end polio for good. Donations are matched by the Gates Foundation.*

Kindest regards,

Elsabé Falkson

Rotary Seaway West Clubs Area Governor

DisCon House of Friendship 2024, 2025

Discon Chair 2026

Past Chair: D7040 Environmental Sustainability 21-24

Past President: Rotary Club of Kingston

ESRAG Member

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*“Knowledge generates interest, and interest generates compassion.” ~ Douglas*

**W. Tallamy**



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**From:** Ochej, Derek <dochej@cityofkingston.ca>

**Sent:** 30 September 2024 19:18

**To:** arja hamalainen

**Cc:** Elsabe Falkson Sullivan, Iain <isullivan@cityofkingston.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Purple Pinkie Day October 24th

Hi Arja,

Allow me to provide a little more background information. As this would be the first time a proclamation has been issued for World Polio Day, the proclamation would need to be approved by City Council. The next Council meeting at which the proclamation could be approved is Tuesday October 15.

If you do not wish to submit the official application, I would ask that you or Elsabe email my colleague, Iain Sullivan (copied on this email) with the following information before Tuesday October 8.

Applicant name:

Applicant address:

Applicant phone number:

Applicant email address:  
Organization name:  
Organization address:  
Is the organization a not-for-profit? (Yes/no):  
Proclamation name:  
Proclamation date:  
How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?\*

There is no charge for the proclamation. It will be included as an item on the City of Kingston Council agenda, and it will be posted on the City of Kingston website at the following link: <https://events.cityofkingston.ca/?City%20Event%20Calendar=Proclamation>.

Any further questions can also be addressed to Iain.

Thank you,  
Derek

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**From:** arja hamalainen **Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2024 10:40 AM  
**To:** Ochej,Derek <dochej@cityofkingston.ca>  
**Cc:** Elsabe Falkson  
**Subject:** Purple Pinkie Day October 24th

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Good morning, Mr. Ochej,

Regarding a proclamation from the City of Kingston for World Polio Day on October 24th, would it be possible to email you with the wording of the proclamation? I note that the application form requires a password. My computer was hacked not long ago, so I no longer show passwords, nor do I put any financial information online.

I believe that our Area Governor, Elsabe Falkson, is prepared to submit the statement for the wording, however, I am willing to do so, respecting the fact that she has many things to attend to. I will email her the application, assuming that she might be more comfortable in completing same online, and has the time to attend to it.

I'm presuming that there is no charge to Rotary for the proclamation? Where will the proclamation appear? Our club will host a Purple Pinkie Day at Springer Market Square to solicit funds for Polio Plus. No selling is involved. We have been allocated a community stall for October 24th.

Best regards  
Arja Hamalainen  
President  
Kingston Frontenac Rotary Club

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF:**

October 15, 2024

**COMMUNICATION**  
**No: 24-712**