



Community Services

Legislative Services

August 25, 2020

File #120203

Sent via email: Anthony.Rota@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Anthony Rota,
Chair of the Board for Internal Economy
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: City of Elliott Lake - Private Members Bill M-36 to Declare August 1 as
"Emancipation Day" in Canada**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of August 24, 2020 received and supported correspondence from the City of Elliott Lake dated August 14, 2020 acknowledging the Private Member Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1 Session.

Attached please find a copy of the City Elliott Lake's correspondence dated August 14, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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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

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