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**Sent:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:23 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Flag Raising Ceremony

Good morning Jennifer,

Hope you are doing well. We would like to hold an Islamic Flag raising ceremony in October for Islamic Heritage Month.

The purpose of this flag raising ceremony is in recognition and celebration of the Islamic Heritage Month i-e the month of October.

The meaning is that it symbolizes universal peace and harmony from and towards Islam and Muslims. It is to deliver a unified message about the importance of peace and get people to acknowledge and recognize the Muslim community in Shelburne in order to display support and inclusiveness towards all the Muslims who have chosen Shelburne as their home and are currently living here, those who travel to Shelburne frequently or occasionally and others who are simply passing by the Town of Shelburne. It is also to acknowledge that Muslims bring a vibrant range of talents and perspectives that enrich the social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our community thus displaying a message that Muslims are compatible with the broader society and vice versa. A lot of Muslims, especially youth here experience Islamophobia on a regular basis and amongst other aspects lack of visibility and acknowledgement and fear of the unknown from the rest of the community are contributing factors. This ceremony will be a step towards dismantling Islamophobia in a formal yet beautiful way. As the first Islamic Heritage Month flag raising ceremony in Shelburne, this is very important and will be significant.

Thanks

Muslims of Shelburne