

**Bulletin #2024-07**

**MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS**

**Important Notice to  
All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

**The Passing of Former Prime Ministers and the  
Display of Flags**

Following the passing of The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, municipalities are reminded of the protocols regarding the display of flags. Canada and Manitoba both have established policies regarding the half-masting of flags, which reflect long-standing international customs. This includes displaying flags at half-mast upon the death of a current or former Prime Minister, and municipalities are encouraged to follow suit.

The federal government has posted a notice of half-masting of Canadian flags until sunset on March 23, 2024, which is the date of the state funeral for Brian Mulroney. Individuals and organizations.

Further information about the commemoration ceremonies is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/commemoration/brian-mulroney/state-funeral.html>.

Resources relating to the display of flags, including information about half-masting the Canadian or Manitoban flag, are included below for further information.

Federal Etiquette for the Display of Canadian Flags  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-etiquette/about.html>

Federal Notices of Half-Masting the Canadian Flag  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/half-masting-notice.html>

Federal Policy on the Half-Masting of the Canadian Flag  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-masting-rules.html>

Manitoba's Frequently Asked Questions on the Display of Flags  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fpir/protocol/faq.html#flag>

If you have additional questions, please email [mrmaas@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mrmaas@gov.mb.ca), or call 204-945-2572.