

## Capital Set To Live Its Pride - Ottawa City Hall Flag Raising

**Ottawa, August 18, 2008** - The nation's capital is set to "Live its Pride" by kicking off the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Capital Pride festival today at 4:00 pm. Capital Pride is launching the capital's most colourful celebration with its flag raising ceremony at Ottawa City Hall. The Capital Pride festival culminates in the annual Capital Pride Parade on August 24 at 1 pm.

The annual flag raising ceremony is tremendously important to Ottawa and Gatineau's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people as it provides official recognition of the capital's commitment to equality and diversity. This year also marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rainbow flag's use as a symbol recognizing a community that has been historically marginalized.

The Board of Directors of Capital Pride is thrilled that Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien will be in attendance this year, and joins the list of civic leaders who have shown their support for GLBT people living in the nation's capital. Ottawa Police Services Chief Vernon White will also be in attendance.

This year's festival theme - Live Your Pride - celebrates the various ways in which Ottawa and Gatineau's GLBT people live their pride not only during the week-long festival, but everyday of the year.

Details:

**4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. W**

Flag Raising Ceremony;

Remarks by Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien

Remarks by Ottawa Police Services Chief Vernon White

Remarks by Joanne Law, Chair, Capital Pride

Performance by Ottawa Gay Men's Chorus

A Mayor's Reception at City Hall follows the flag raising ceremony.

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