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Capital Pride Official Flag Raising at City Hall today

Capital Pride will raise the rainbow flag at City Hall on Monday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. marking the official opening of Pride Week in the National Capital Region.

Capital Pride Committee Members will be joined by representatives from the City of Ottawa, MPP for Ottawa Centre Yasir Naqvi and community leaders. The Pride flag will be raised at half-staff due to the sudden passing of New Democratic Party Leader Mr. Jack Layton.

"The Capital Pride Committee would like to extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Layton's family, friends and loved ones. We are saddened by this incredible loss – Mr. Layton has been an outstanding spokesperson for GLBT rights in Canada and we are saddened to hear about the news of his passing," said Doug Saunders-Riggins, Capital Pride Chair.

The Capital Pride Sponsor's Reception hosted by City Councillor Diane Holmes will be held in the Councillors' Lounge following the Flag Raising.

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