



City of St. Albert
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

St. Albert Founders' Day

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Purpose

To recognize and celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the community of St. Albert.

Policy

January 14 of each year shall be recognized as "Founders' Day" in the City of St. Albert.

Standards

1. The Chief Administrative Officer shall maintain a record of the history of St. Albert, including its origins as a First Nations gathering place and as the location for the St. Albert Mission founded in 1861.
2. On or before January 14 of each year, the Mayor may proclaim Founders' Day in the following manner:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the area known by the Cree as Mista-sakahikun has been a First Nations gathering place for at least five thousand years, and;

WHEREAS Metis in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company worked and resided in Mista-sakahikun, and;

WHEREAS Metis freemen, former employees for the fur trade companies, settled with their families on land near and around Big Lake, and;

WHEREAS on or about January fourteenth, eighteen hundred sixty-one, Father Lacombe and Bishop Tache founded the St. Albert Mission when, on their way back to Fort Edmonton from Lac Ste. Anne, they stopped at the top of Mission Hill, where Bishop Tache planted his walking stick in the ground, gave his approval for a new mission and named it St. Albert, and;

WHEREAS the St. Albert Mission quickly grew to a population of seven hundred by the year eighteen hundred and seventy and became the leading centre for education and church administration in Alberta, and;



WHEREAS the St. Albert Mission became a Village in the year nineteen hundred, a Town in nineteen hundred and four and a City in nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and;

NOW THEREFORE I, _____, Mayor of the City of St. Albert, do hereby ask the residents of St. Albert to help recognize the anniversary of our community, St. Albert.

3. Council may also recognize and celebrate Founders' Day by other means each year, at its discretion.

