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Mayor and Council,

I am writing to advise that we are planning to lower flags on City facilities to half-mast in commemoration of two very sad events that have transpired today:

- The line-of-duty death of RCMP Constable Rick O'Brian. Constable O'Brian was killed while executing a search warrant in Coquitlam.
- The death of former Vancouver City Councillor Nancy Chiavario. Nancy Chiavario served 6 years with the City of Vancouver from 1993-1999 and 7 years as a Park Board commissioner from 1986-1993, contributing a total of 13 years of dedicated public service.

Neither of the above circumstances falls within the provisions of the Flag Policy that call for half-masting. However, the policy provides for exceptions subject to approval of Council.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the decision to lower flags to half-mast in this instance, please let me know as soon as possible.

Many thanks,  
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