



## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE a BIG HIT



For the first time since 2019, Ottawa's St. Patrick's Day Parade returned. On Saturday, March 7, 2026, the crowd lined the downtown route in anticipation. The new parade route was packed with singing, cheering, shades of green and PRIDE. One participant remarked that the **Irish music brought back memories of her childhood**. Numerous bands, floats, and local and regional community groups and families participated in the procession. Alongside Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and other city councillors, Grand Marshal Tim Tierney strolled the route. Irish Ambassador to Canada, John Concannon and Mary Concannon enjoyed the parade in a horse drawn carriage.

(More photos throughout the newsletter.)



The Irish Ambassador to Canada

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### Gatineau Raises Flag on March 4<sup>th</sup>

For the first time, the City of Gatineau, raised the Irish Society NCR Flag in to recognize the Irish influence in the area and to celebrate Irish Week in the Capital Region.



## MARCH MADNESS



### Proclamation at City Hall

Irish supporters assembled at City Hall on March 5th for the reading of the Proclamation and flag raising. DhoM Elisabeth O'Higgins brought greetings from the Irish Embassy, Deputy Mayor Jeff Leiper read the Proclamation, and Rosemary O'Brien acted as the program's MC. The singing of the Canadian and Irish national anthems by Ellen MacIsaac was outstanding. Representatives from the K of C of St Patrick's Basilica led the assembly outside to raise the flag.



### Sláinte

#### *Toast to Our Ancestors*

Raise your glass to acknowledge the grand work and contributions our ancestors have made to the development of the City of Ottawa and surrounding areas. That is just what a group of Irish well-wishers did on March 6<sup>th</sup>, while standing on Plaza Bridge.



Six Nations - Fri, Mar 6	Full time	
	27 - 17	
Ireland		Wales





## The Emerald Mile Christens the Parade Route

This year RunOttawa offered people the opportunity to run the Emerald Mile before the St Patrick Parade. The iconic one-mile course past Parliament Hill, across the Rideau Canal, and into the ByWard Market was open to both kids and adults. A huge thank you to the organizers of the run and the volunteers. Congratulations to all the participants!





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Thanks for joining the parade.



Left  
**City Council**  
 dawned their  
 green and waved  
 their flags.

Right  
**Big Joe, Red  
 Blacks' mascot**



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Oh! the drums go bang, and the cymbals clang, and the horns they blaze a-way...  
... and the music is some-thin' grand.





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Dancers, Cadets, floats, OPP and RCMP horses, area Social Groups and the Gaels, entertained the audience!





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## The Irish Seniors Social Group Host Successful Author's Day

Over 65 members of the social group and guests enjoyed a scrumptious pot-luck lunch while listening to **David Mulholland** read excerpts from several of his books including, *"In the Shadow of the Assassin"*. He worked as a story editor and interviewer for CBC Public Affairs television, a syndicated country music columnist, and a general assignment reporter and music reviewer for the assignment for the Ottawa Citizen.



*Thanks for inviting us!*



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More Parade ...



Acknowledging the Rideau Canal Workers



More FUN!



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## IRISH FLAG RAISED at OTTAWA CITY HALL

March 12<sup>th</sup>



Dara Calleary offers insightful and fascinating remarks.

Mary & John Concannon, Irish Ambassador to Canada; Siobhan Grady Calleary; Seán Carey, Cathaoirleach for Belmullet, Mayo; Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor of Ottawa; Dara Calleary, TD for Mayo Constituency.



## IRISH EMBASSY HOSTS ST. PATRICK'S DAY RECEPTION



John & Mary Concannon hosted guests such as PM Mark Carney & Diana Fox Carney, and other Ministers. Mayor Mark Sutcliffe & wife Ginny, Councilor Tim Tierney & wife Jenny, Dara Calleary, TD for Mayo Constituency & wife Siobhan Grady Calleary and the 2025 Ottawa Rose, Aidan Russell were among the noted guests – too many to mention.



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Guests were entertained by graceful Irish dancers and beautiful music from harpist Pat Marshall.



Tom & Miranda O'Neill rub elbows with actor Mark Critch and Councillor Theresa Kavanagh.



Presidents of St Patrick's Parade Mike-James Noonan (Quebec City) and Tom O'Neill (Ottawa) compare notes.



**The reception** celebrates the deep friendship, shared history, and cultural ties between Ireland and Canada. It is an important networking event that leaders of the Irish diaspora, government representatives, and cultural partners together celebrate the long-lasting Irish presence in Canada and promote future collaboration.



Clare O'Connell Noon with PM Mark Carney & Diana Fox Carney.