



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

### “Akitu Chaldean Babylonian 7326 New Year” April 1, 2026

- WHEREAS:** we are remembering and celebrating Chaldean and Babylonian history, 5300 years before Christ, and their new year called Akitu, that is a celebration of spring, rebirth, and renewal which often culminates in a celebration on April 1st; and,
- WHEREAS:** Chaldeans are a part of the indigenous people of Mesopotamia, who have lived in the Middle East since ancient times, and have faced systematic persecution in their ancestral homeland; and,
- WHEREAS:** there are nearly 100,000 Chaldeans in Canada, with about 25,000 of them living in Windsor; the rest are scattered throughout various provinces in Canada; and,
- WHEREAS:** the Chaldean flag was raised on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, on the occasion of Akitu Chaldean Babylonian 7324 New Year; and,
- WHEREAS:** the City of Windsor, agreed to the secondary naming of a section of Marentette Avenue between Wyandotte Street East and Tuscarora Avenue as Chaldean Way, with an unveiling of its sign on December 19, 2025; and,
- WHEREAS:** the Chaldean Association of Windsor had a festival in July 2025 that welcomed thousands of Canadians attending,
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

April 1, 2026

“Akitu Chaldean Babylonian 7326 New Year”  
in the City of Windsor.

  
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Mayor