

PROCLAMATION

Pride Month

June 2024

WHEREAS, Pride events across Canada and the United States and around the world promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination, hatred, and violence towards 2SLGBTQIA+ people (two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual people);

AND WHEREAS, symbols, messages, and public leadership in support of Pride are necessary to show a community's sense of welcome and belonging for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and families, and its care for 2SLGBTQIA+ identifying youth;

AND WHEREAS, acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of 2SLGBTQIA+ people and families;

AND WHEREAS, the diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression represents a positive contribution to society and is a matter for our community to take pride, show its support, and celebrate;

AND WHEREAS, 2SLGBTQIA+ people – and especially trans and gender diverse people – continue to be unfairly targeted with hatred and violence;

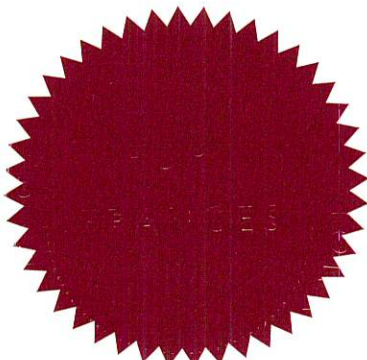
AND WHEREAS, Pride has been observed and celebrated in our region, and has become an important community-building activity;

AND WHEREAS, the values of diversity and inclusion should be shared in common by all people;

AND WHEREAS, the month of June is internationally recognized as Pride Month;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. I, Mayor Andrew Hallikas, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim that June 2024 shall be known as "**Pride Month**" in the Town of Fort Frances;
2. The Town of Fort Frances will publicly raise a Pride flag on May 31, 2024 at the Civic Centre in celebration of Pride for the entirety of June;
3. Council encourages all citizens to reflect and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year; and
4. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Borderland Pride and shared with the community.



Andrew Hallikas, Mayor