



# PROCLAMATION

## Pride Month

June 2025

**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 2025 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 June 14, 2025 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

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Andrew Hallikas, Mayor