



## **City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day**

**June 2025 and June 21, 2025**

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove acknowledges that it is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and Métis District 8, homeland of the Lac Ste. Anne Métis: land that is sacred and holds the hearts, footsteps and spirits of many First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Peoples; in particular, Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Lac Ste. Anne Métis; and

WHEREAS; In 2009, the Government of Canada officially declared June as National Indigenous History Month and is working to advance truth and reconciliation by building harmonious partnerships based on the recognition of rights, respect, truth, cooperation, humility, reciprocity, and friendship with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, and communities across Canada, traditionally known as Turtle Island; and

WHEREAS; National Indigenous History Month takes place during June to commemorate the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples in Canada; and

WHEREAS; June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day to reflect on and celebrate the rich cultures, traditions, language, and ways of knowing and being of Indigenous Peoples; and a day which is culturally and spiritually significant for many Indigenous Peoples because it is the summer solstice and the longest day of the year; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove recognizes and celebrates the significant historical and ongoing contributions of Indigenous people in Canada in all aspects of daily life, including modern medicine, education, community wellness, and art and culture; and

WHEREAS; First peoples, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, history, culture, and contributions deserve to be recognized and honoured, as does the strength and resiliency of Indigenous communities in maintaining languages and cultures despite the ongoing impacts of colonialism; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove strives to be an inclusive community and encourages everyone to reflect and learn about the diverse experiences, knowledge systems, and injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured, including the forced displacement, cultural suppression, and systemic barriers that they have and continue to face across Canada and in our community;

THEREFORE, I, Jan Gillett, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of June as National Indigenous History Month and June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Spruce Grove. I urge all residents to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonialization on First Peoples and honour and learn about the rich and unique cultures of First Peoples on Treaty 6 territory and homeland of the Métis in the spirit of reconciliation and healing, celebration, partnership, and recognition of the richness with which First Peoples contribute to the community.