



## **City of Spruce Grove Proclamation Pride Month**

### **June 2026**

WHEREAS; June is recognized annually as Pride Month in Canada and around the world to commemorate the Stonewall Riots that began on June 28, 1969, in New York City; as well to celebrate the diversity, resilience, and contributions of Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and other sexually and gender diverse (2SLGBTQI+) individuals; and to increase understanding and awareness of the experiences of people who are 2SLGBTQI+; and

WHEREAS; the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Alberta Human Rights Act* upholds equality for individuals regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS; despite these systemic changes to support equality for all and the ongoing resilience demonstrated by 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, they are at increased risk to experience discrimination, violence, mental health issues, poverty, and being unsheltered; and

WHEREAS; it is imperative that people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel safe and are supported by the community; and

WHEREAS; as a city that values community connections and belonging, we must work together to support the 2SLGBTQI+ community and make real, tangible actions against oppression, hatred, discrimination, harassment, and violence; and

WHEREAS; the recognition of Pride is integral to fostering belonging, increasing public awareness of the 2SLGBTQI+ community and their contributions to our city;

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as Pride Month in the City of Spruce Grove.