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May 12, 2023

Borderland Pride  
c/o Peter A. Howie  
PO Box 105  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M5

Dear Mr. Howie;

Thank you for submitting your correspondence that was received at their Regular Meeting of Council on May 2, 2023, your correspondence dated April 19, 2023 Re: June Pride Month 2023, was discussed.

After review, Council passed the resolution that reads in part as follows:

“THAT Council receive the communication from Borderland Pride  
AND THAT Council proclaim June as Pride Month  
AND THAT the flag raising be coordinated with the Mayor's Office.”

We enclose with this letter the signed proclamation for June 2023 being Pride Month.

Sincerely,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mia Sexton", written over a white background.

Mia Sexton  
Deputy Clerk

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## COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES PRIDE MONTH RESOLUTION

**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 targeted with hatred, prejudice, 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. Council hereby proclaims the month of June 2023 to be Pride Month in the Town of Fort Frances;
2. The Town of Fort Frances will publicly raise or display a Pride flag in a prominent location in celebration of Pride;
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.



A. Hallikas, Mayor