Pride Week June <u>11 - 17, 2023</u>

Proclamation

June 13, 2023

WHEREAS Sturgeon County is a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive community where we are pleased to celebrate and support Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other identities; and

WHEREAS Pride season is a positive stance against discrimination and violence toward LGBTQ2S+ people to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, and equality rights, and increase their visibility as a social group; and

WHEREAS Pride Week in Sturgeon County brings visibility to the region's community, celebrates human diversity, captivates the public, inspires and fosters harmony and acceptance; and

WHEREAS Sturgeon County, through its Family and Community Support Services department, is working with regional municipalities to coordinate and promote pride-related activities throughout the week of June 11 – 17, including a Pride flag raising and picnic on June 11; and

WHEREAS Sturgeon County FCSS is placing rainbow-coloured chairs in various parks and places throughout Sturgeon County to promote reflection and shared understanding; and

WHEREAS Sturgeon County has painted part of the driveway in front of County Centre in Pride colours to demonstrate our support of the LGBTQ2S+ community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim June 11-17, 2023, as Pride Week in Sturgeon County.

I encourage residents to participate in the various Pride activities and commit to continuing awareness, inclusion, and acceptance for all members of our community, regardless of gender identity, race, age, and beliefs.

Alanna Hnatiw Mayor, Sturgeon County

