

Small Business Week

October 19 - 25, 2025

Proclamation

September 9, 2025

Whereas, Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) Small Business Week, now in its 45th year, is a national celebration that recognizes Canadian entrepreneurs and provides opportunities for learning, networking, and growth. From October 19 to 25, Small Business Week 2025 focuses on helping business owners prepare for a rapidly transforming economic landscape marked by shifts in global trade and the rise of AI; and

Whereas, small businesses are the backbone of our community, providing jobs, driving innovation, and strengthening the vibrancy and resilience of Sturgeon County; and

Whereas, Sturgeon County's Small Business Incentive Program demonstrates our commitment to innovation and growth by offering a \$75,000 annual investment in local enterprises. By providing matching funds of up to \$5,000 per project, Sturgeon County empowers local businesses to invest in education, technology and marketing;

Therefore, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim October 19 to 25 as Small Business Week. I encourage all residents and community partners to support local Sturgeon County businesses and explore the incentives and resources available to enhance growth and resilience in today's shifting economy.