



Strathcona County

Family Violence Prevention Month

In 2019, there were over 800 incidents of family violence reported to Strathcona County RCMP. In the current year, the impacts of COVID-19 have further affected our community due to isolation and financial stress.

As a community, we are working collectively along the violence continuum; from addressing root causes of violence to seeking innovative ways to intervene and support those who are living in violent circumstances. COVID-19 has required us to be creative and together The RCMP, provincial Children's Services, Safe Place, Victim Services, Saffron Sexual Assault Centre and Family and Community Services have created new partnerships with local pharmacists and physicians to support our residents who are experiencing violence in their homes.

The Reach Out Speak Out initiative brings together a number of community partners who are together raising awareness of this complex issue. We do this by promoting where to turn to address and prevent family violence, how to recognize harmful behaviour, and how to stay safe when family violence is present.

In support of our community's Social Framework outcome of safety, all community members are invited to show their commitment towards healthy relationships and to end family violence by reaching out and speaking out. We all have a role in creating a safe, supported and connected community.

THEREFORE I, Mayor Rod Frank, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020 as Family Violence Prevention Month in Strathcona County.

Dated this 1 day of November, 2020.

Signed by

Rod Frank, Mayor