



# Strathcona County

## Pride Week

June is the internationally-recognized Pride Month in recognition of the Stonewall Riots which spurred the modern push for LGBTQ2S+ civil rights. This June will be the fiftieth anniversary of not just the Stonewall Riots, but also the passing of Bill C-150 on May 14<sup>th</sup> 1969 which decriminalized homosexuality and was a definitive turning point in the equality of LGBTQ2S+ Canadians. Things did not change overnight following these landmark events, but change has come with time.

It is with this history in mind that we reflect upon what Pride means. It is a celebration of fights for equality that have been won, a recognition of the battles and lives lost along the way, and a call to our communities to make our LGBTQ2S+ residents welcome. An essential component of Strathcona County's Social Framework is that our residents feel safe and have a sense of belonging, the celebration of Pride aligns perfectly with those ideals.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Rod Frank, do hereby proclaim May 27 – June 2, 2019 as "Pride Week" in Strathcona County.

Dated this 25 day of May, 2019.

Signed by

Rod Frank, Mayor