

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Date: May 23, 2023

Subject: Red Shirt Day of Action for Accessibility and Inclusion

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council proclaims May 28 to June 3, 2023, as National AccessAbility Week.

AND THAT Council proclaims Wednesday, May 31, 2023, as Red Shirt Day of Action for Accessibility and Inclusion.

AND THAT Council approves lighting up the Recreation Centre in the colour red in recognition of Red Shirt Day on May 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Every year, starting on the last Sunday in May, Canadians celebrate National AccessAbility Week (NAAW). Founded as 'National Access Awareness Week' in 1988 and inspired by Rick Hansen's Man in Motion World Tour.

National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to:

- celebrate the valuable contributions and leadership of Canadians with disabilities.
- highlight the work of people, organizations and communities that are removing barriers.
- reflect on ongoing efforts to become a better, more accessible, more inclusive Canada.

This year, National AccessAbility Week will take place from May 28 to June 3, 2023.

Red Shirt Day of Action for AccessAbility and Inclusion is a day when people across Canada come together and wear red to create a visible display of solidarity: to show their support for disabled people and their families, celebrate the achievements of disabled Canadians, and to pledge their commitment to help create a fully accessible and inclusive society.

Red Shirt Day is an Easter Seals initiative and was first celebrated in 2019. It takes place on the Wednesday of National AccessAbility Week each year.



BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Budgetary impact will be minimal.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Raye McMeeken
Committee Liaison

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Approved for Submission to Council