

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2017**

**5 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST  
PRIDE WEEK**

## Recommendation

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3. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page online.

## Contribution to Sustainability

No direct contribution

## Economic Impact

No direct impact

## Communications Plan

The Office of the City Clerk posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

## Purpose

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## Background - Analysis and Options

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**Regional Implications**

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**Report prepared by:**

Shari Gouzvaris, Supervisor, City Clerk’s Administrative Services

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. McEwan

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Pride Week - June 9-18.

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# PRIDE IN THE 905

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CLERK'S DEPT.

Good morning,

On behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community in York Region, we are writing you to request your municipality's participation in a pride flag raising during the month of June, in celebration of Pride.

Pflag is York Region's LGBTQ support, resource and education network – bringing together all members of the community. We are a volunteer-led charitable organization servicing one of the fastest growing and multicultural regions nationwide.

Every day, our compassionate volunteers are contacted by frightened adolescents and by angry, fearful or confused parents and family members from all walks of life who have questions or concerns about sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Our dedicated volunteers are there for those in need when it seems no one else is.

Pflag is a proud partner of York Regional Police and works closely with other community organizations, elected officials and local businesses to celebrate the LGBTQ community's diversity and educate the community.

Raising the rainbow flag is an opportunity for your municipality to show its commitment to diversity, inclusion and to demonstrate that it stands proud with all of its community, regardless of their age, sex, background, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

For more information and to confirm your participation, please contact [events@pflagyork.ca](mailto:events@pflagyork.ca).

Sincerely,



**Amanda Knegje**  
President &  
Family Pride Co-Chair



**Michael Blackburn**  
Vice President &  
Family Pride Co-Chair



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