

# Proclamation

## National Youth Week

May 1—7, 2019

- WHEREAS:** recreation benefits individuals, families, neighbourhoods and communities and Morinville provides high quality programs and leisure opportunities for residents to lead healthy, active lives through recreation and to make our community a great place to live, work and play.
- WHEREAS:** there is an increasing interest in intentional youth development through recreation in Canada that is founded on a substantial and growing body of research to support the role of recreation in the positive development of youth. Canadian youth are often unrecognized for the valuable contributions they make to communities and Canada's social, economic and civic landscape. Meaningful youth engagement through recreation emphasizes access, equity and social justice and leads to positive youth development.
- WHEREAS:** National Youth Week reminds us all of the valuable contributions that recreation and parks can make to youth development and that youth can make to community development. National Youth Week is endorsed by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and the network of agencies and individuals committed to the positive development of youth.
- THEREFORE:** in recognition of these benefits and values, and to provide a focal point within the year for increasing awareness, I, Barry Turner, the Mayor of Morinville, hereby proclaims May 1-7, 2019 as National Youth Week.



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Mayor Barry Turner

