



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3, 2023

WHEREAS; International Day of Persons with Disabilities is recognized worldwide on December 3 and was first proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992; and

WHEREAS; over one billion people, or approximately one in eight, live with some form of disability and too often face discrimination, differential treatment or barriers to access; and

WHEREAS; all who live, work and visit Spruce Grove benefit from the invaluable contributions of people with disabilities in every aspect of life; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is committed to reducing barriers, improving access, and integrating a Diversity, Inclusion, Equality and Belonging (DIEB) lens into decision making, planning and service delivery; and

WHEREAS; observance of this day is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of people with disabilities, promote an understanding of barriers faced by people with disabilities, and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, access, and well-being of people with disabilities;

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2023, as "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in the City of Spruce Grove, and encourage citizens to take part in the activities taking place in our community to celebrate and acknowledge this day.