



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2023

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is on Treaty 6 territory and within Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4, the traditional lands of many First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, and in particular Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Lac St. Anne Métis; and

WHEREAS; June 21 is commemorated as National Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, cultures, languages, contributions, and resiliency and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across the country; and

WHEREAS; June 21 is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and a culturally significant time for many Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS; Indigenous People have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to Spruce Grove, and contribute greatly to the vibrancy, prosperity, diversity and shared future of our community; and

WHEREAS; The City of Spruce Grove strives to foster inclusion, honour diversity, and create a sense of belonging for all residents, and encourages everyone to relearn historical perspectives, to reflect on our collective shared history, and to take purposeful action towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is committed to building meaningful relationships, built on mutual trust and respect, with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis residents and the neighbouring Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Lac Ste Anne Métis.

THEREFORE, I, Dave Oldham, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of June 2023 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Spruce Grove.