



## **City of Spruce Grove Proclamation Black History Month**

**February 2025**

WHEREAS; Canada's House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in 1995 and the Senate formalized the Canadian Government's recognition of Black History Month in 2008 ; and

WHEREAS; the Government of Alberta officially proclaimed February as Black History Month in 2017; and

WHEREAS; Black History Month is an opportunity to honour the important role Black Canadians have had in the growth and development of Canada; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove recognizes and celebrates the significant and ongoing contributions of Black Canadians in all aspects of local daily life including shaping identity, culture, advocacy, business, art, justice, sports and politics; and

WHEREAS; Black Canadians have struggled for equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination and oppression since before the abolishment of slavery, and still today too often face discrimination, inequity, and differential treatment; and

WHEREAS; Black History Month is a time to learn and reflect about the stories, culture, history, trauma and many important and ongoing contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth, prosperity and development of Alberta and Spruce Grove; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is committed to understanding the needs of underrepresented groups in the community; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove encourages citizens to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community today and everyday;

THEREFORE, I, Jan Gillett, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Spruce Grove.