



February 11th, 2025

Reference: Flag Raising Request to Celebrate Pride Niagara Festival

Dear Town of Fort Erie,

We are excited to let you know that planning for this year's Pride Niagara Festival is well under way!

With the current political climate and rise in hate crimes targeting 2SLGBTQ+ communities, acknowledging our strengths as a community is key to our health and safety.

For the 15th year, we invite each municipality to join our Annual Pride Flag raising on Monday June 2nd as part of this year's Pride Niagara Festival!

Pride Niagara requests that each municipalities Mayor (or council representative) raise the flag (as provided by Pride Niagara) Monday June 2nd. Alongside Pride Niagara representative, we ask each municipality to share words of support and acknowledgement to our 2SLGBTQ+ community.

With this request we ask each municipality to deliver a statement of support during the opening remarks of their first June Council meeting. In support of Niagara's 2SLGBTQ+ communities and Pride Niagara's leadership with the development of positive and safer spaces, providing social connectivity, information and community outreach while spearheading local activism throughout the Niagara Region.

As June is internationally recognized as Pride month, we greatly encourage each municipality to have the flag raised for the month of June, but we formally request the flag to be flown for a minimum of Niagara Pride week. (Saturday May 31st- Sunday June 8th)

To coordinate flag raising across all municipalities on Monday June 2nd, our time request for Town of Fort Erie at 9am. Once the council's participation, date and time are confirmed, Pride Niagara will announce your involvement in this year's festival.

We look forward to continuing building the tradition with each municipality and sincerely hope we can work together.

Thank you,

Enzo De Divitiis
Pride Niagara Board of Directors

Flag raising
Mon June 2
9:00am