

# Pink Shirt Day

February 26, 2025

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, Canada's national Pink Shirt Day is observed each year on the last Wednesday of February to promote kindness and inclusion and raise awareness about bullying prevention; and

*Whereas*, Sturgeon County acknowledges that bullying in any form—including discrimination, harassment, exclusion and intimidation—has a negative and long-lasting impact on an individuals' sense of safety and self-worth; and that bullying in any form is unacceptable in a respectful and caring society; and

*Whereas*, Sturgeon County is committed to fostering community safety and wellbeing for all residents through the promotion of anti-bullying campaigns and by collectively coming together to denounce bullying behaviours; and

*Whereas*, Sturgeon County, through its Family and Community Support Services department, is developing programming that explores promoting kindness in our preschool classroom environments where young minds are shaped and the values of empathy, respect and kindness are essential in fostering positive social interactions and healthy relationships.

*Therefore*, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2025, as Pink Shirt Day in Sturgeon County.

Acknowledging Pink Shirt Day reflects our commitment to building and fostering a safe, inclusive and welcoming community for all our residents, which helps strengthen the diversity and vitality of our municipality. I urge you to wear something pink on this date to symbolize that we, as a community, stand strongly against bullying.



Alanna Hnatiw  
Mayor, Sturgeon County