



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Proclamation



Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day

April 2, 2018

BE IT KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS, the City of Yellowknife is committed to creating an accessible, inclusive and diverse community by supporting activities and programs that raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder and the issues that concern people living on the spectrum and their families. It is through education and awareness that we help to create more diverse, healthy and inclusive communities;

AND WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a biological neuro-developmental disorder which affects 1 in 68 children with a 5:1 ratio of presentation in males to females. And understanding that each person, living on the spectrum, has family and friends that are directly impacted by the disorder and that many of these people live in Yellowknife and extend throughout the Territory;

AND WHEREAS all people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder experience challenges in the areas of communication, repetitive behaviour and social interaction; and understanding that there is no known cause and each person living with autism is unique;

AND WHEREAS these challenges may cause a person to experience limitations in the normal activities of daily living such as; education, employment, living options, income security, accessibility supports, recreation, civic engagement, social and personal life management; and understanding that for many people living on the spectrum these areas remain exclusive and inaccessible;

AND WHEREAS people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder have the right to full citizenship and participation in every aspect of life through choice and self-direction; and understanding that everyone benefits when our community is fully inclusive, a community where all people are respected and valued;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Adrian Bell, Acting Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2018 as **Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day** in the City of Yellowknife.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed on this 26th day of March, A.D., 2018.



Adrian Bell
Acting Mayor