

POLICY TITLE	Proclamation Policy		
POLICY TYPE	COUNCIL		
Replaces (if applicable)	N/A		
Approving Department	Council	Department Responsible	Corporate Services
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1. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to establish the terms and conditions under which Town Council will refrain from participating in national, provincial, regional or local proclamation programs.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all requests for proclamations received by the Town of Golden, Mayor and Council. It covers all types of proclamation requests, including those related to awareness months, campaigns, events, or social causes, regardless of their alignment with Council's values, strategic priorities or goals.

3. BACKGROUND


Human Rights Tribunals and Courts in Canada have indicated that municipal Councils must exercise caution in handling proclamation requests to ensure decisions are made neutrally and without discrimination. While Councils retain some discretion regarding endorsements, their decisions must align with principles of fairness and respect for human rights.

While Town Council recognizes that numerous organizations may request proclamations as part of campaigns or awareness efforts, Council has considered the above as well as its responsibility to maintain neutrality, distance itself from morality-based imperatives, and focus on municipal priorities.

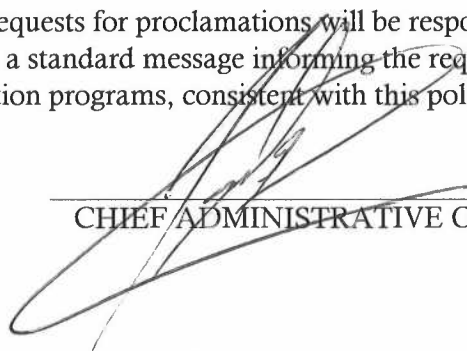
4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 Proclamations: Town Council will not issue or endorse any formal proclamations in support of national, provincial, regional, or local programs, campaigns, or events.

4.2 Communication with Requestors: All requests for proclamations will be responded to by the Corporate Officer, or designate, with a standard message informing the requestor of Council's non-participation in proclamation programs, consistent with this policy.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER