



VALLEYVIEW AND DISTRICT
**CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Letter of Support

Town Council Attn: Office of the CAO
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Valleyview Town Council,

The Valleyview and District Chamber of Commerce is writing this letter to express our support for symbols of inclusivity within our community. A number of examples can be seen in communities across Canada of symbolic actions that celebrate the heritage, identities and orientations of their residents. Valleyview is a small town with a diverse cultural makeup. We have a long and storied connection to our neighbours from Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, a strong LGBTQ+ community, and a vibrant and integrated community of residents that are new to Canada.

Valleyview is a friendly and open community that welcomes newcomers, accepts diversity and is deeply connected to our place in Treaty 8 Territory. As time goes on it becomes more apparent that we should make efforts to acknowledge the people in our community openly. Some examples that have come to light include painted crosswalks, flags representing particular groups, and acknowledgements as part of council meetings. Other examples are abundant and many can be done at little or no cost. It is the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce that recognizing these communities within our community will be undeniably positive.

We look forward to continuing the discussion and providing support where possible.

Sincerely,

Adrian Petrilli

President
Valleyview and District Chamber of Commerce