

Family Violence Prevention Month
November 2024

WHEREAS; there are many people in Alberta who have lived or are living in abusive family environments;

WHEREAS; the cycle of violence may be carried on from generation to generation;

WHEREAS; individuals and communities have the power to break the cycle of violence;

WHEREAS; everyone has a role in preventing family violence.

NOW THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim the month of November 2024 to be Family Violence Prevention Month in Parkland County.

Seniors' Fall Prevention Month
November 2024

WHEREAS; seniors are a vital part of our families, communities and province, giving generously of their wisdom, experience and love;

WHEREAS; one in three seniors will fall each year, with 50% of them failing repeatedly,

WHEREAS; falls are the leading cause of injuries amongst older adults;

WHEREAS; falls among our seniors will result in over 7,200 hospital admissions and over 19,400 emergency department visits each year;

WHEREAS; falling, and the fear of falling, can lead to depression and hopelessness, loss of mobility, and loss of independence;

WHEREAS; individuals and organizations from a multiple of disciplines across Alberta are working together to increase awareness of this issue and encourage Albertans to take steps to prevent falling;

WHEREAS; the quality of life is improved for Alberta seniors who remain healthy, active and independent.

NOW THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim November 2024 to be Seniors' Fall Prevention Month in Parkland County.

Restorative Justice Week
November 17 - 23, 2024

WHEREAS; in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships;

WHEREAS; restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feeling of satisfaction, healing and closure;

WHEREAS; Restorative Justice Week, it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

NOW THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim November 17 – 23, 2024 as Restorative Justice Week in Parkland County.

GIS Day
November 20, 2024

WHEREAS; International Geographic Information System (GIS) Day is November 20, 2024;

WHEREAS; GIS is an important part of geography awareness;

WHEREAS; GIS Day is a globally-recognized event that allows users and vendors to showcase real-world applications of GIS technology;

WHEREAS; GIS Day is a day set aside to demonstrate how Parkland County is using data, technology and specialized software to make well informed decisions;

WHEREAS; Parkland County is committed to expanding GIS to the schools and general public in order to showcase real-world applications with GIS;

NOW THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 20, 2024 as "Geographic Information System Day" in Parkland County.

World Pancreatic Cancer Day

November 21, 2024

WHEREAS; in 2024, an estimated 7,100 Canadians will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 6,100 will die from the disease; pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival rate of all major cancers, and just 2 to 10 percent of those diagnosed survive 5 years;

WHEREAS; pancreatic cancer can strike anyone, regardless of age, gender or circumstances, and pancreatic cancer has had minimal advancements in the last 40 years, and it is projected to become the third leading cause of all cancer deaths in the next year;

WHEREAS; late diagnosis is the number one reason pancreatic cancer is so deadly and only 10-20% of patients are diagnosed in time to be eligible for surgery; outcomes are worsening amid rising survival rates for most other cancers;

WHEREAS; the good health and well-being of the residents of Parkland County are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the risks and symptoms of pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim November 21, 2024 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in Parkland County.