

*Town of Birch Hills*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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## Town of Birch Hills Declares November 12th-19th, 2022 Multicultural Week



At the Town Council Meeting on Oct. 19th, the Town declared the week of November 12th-19th to be Multicultural week with the support of my co-chairs the President (Elin Cochrane) and Vice Chair (Cole Shore) of the Grade 5 class of the Birch Hills School and the Council of the Town of Birch Hills.

Indeed, my initial thoughts were WHY, after all, we are all Canadians, but after further reflection, the following thoughts came to mind. We are indeed a multicultural mix, a cross of so many different migrations of different ethnic sources and cultures, even if you transferred here from some other part of Canada like Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Vancouver or even Newfoundland, we welcome the perspective that you bring.

As my thoughts developed, I thought that I would summarize the migrations that have occurred since we were first inhabited by the first Nations of the Cree as they traveled and settled across this wonderful part of North America. The first European influence came with the early fur traders of English and French beginnings, their offspring from the Red River Settlements were the next to arrive in this area and many notable names link back to the Turnor, Harper, Campbell, Norquay and other early traders associated to the Hudson Bay Company and the Northwest Trading Company, this group established early settlements along the main highways of the time, namely the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers and the Churchill River system. In the mid 1800's there was a migration of families from the Red River Settlements to the Prince Albert and Duck Lake areas as they outgrew Manitoba and reached west.

By the late 1800's we began to see the introduction of other ethnic groups of immigrants as the west began to become known as the Bread Basket of the world. We saw immigration ramp up as our Canadian Government began a race to welcome settlers and populate the West. We initially saw folks come from the west of Europe, such as England, France, Norway, Germany and Sweden, after World War 1 we saw Eastern Europeans from Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Germany, Finland and we began to see the beginning of migrations from the rest of the world, early entries into this area from China were notable.

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By the mid 1950's and indeed to the present day we are seeing many different ethnic influences beginning to show up in our area, from Africa, the Middle East, the Philippines, even from Fiji and again from China and southeast Asia, South America, and from the Indian subcontinent.

Indeed, we are a MultiCultural Mix, and with that in mind, I think it would be awesome to ask each of you to join me in declaring where your family has originated from by writing it down on a notepad and pinning it up on the bulletin board in the entrance to the Civic Center. We will accumulate your notes there for the month of November and we will share your ethnic background with your permission, you may post with your name or leave your history nameless as you wish. We are stronger in our diversity, We are stronger when we recognize our differences, We are stronger when we recognize that we are all unique and that we all bring our individual backgrounds and perspectives to the table to create this awesome Town of Birch Hills and this totally wonderful Country of Canada. Please celebrate Multicultural Week from the 12 to the 19th of November. - Stewart Adams, Mayor. PS: Join the local Legion Branch on Nov. 11th to remember those of our community and our Country who have sacrificed their lives so that each of us has the opportunity to be free, share our views and live in the lap of freedom that is our society and country today. On Nov. 11th we Remember their sacrifices.

## **Well-Being Survey**

The Town of Birch Hills will be conducting a community well-being survey in December. Please watch for paper copies, newsletter updates, QR codes, online survey links and more. The link will also be sent to you with your next utility bill.

## **Birch Hills to Launch Anti-Harassment Campaign #Enough Already: Addressing Harassment in Saskatchewan Workplaces**

The Town of Birch Hills is partnering with a multi-stakeholder coalition determined to address and prevent workplace harassment. This includes the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, U of S College of Law, CREATEJustice, SASS (Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan) and SIEC. The goal of this campaign is to provide education and support to the community on the subject of harassment. We want to bring about lasting change to the community, and that involves going back to the basics and learning what harassment means, the behaviors associated with it, and how we can create positive change for a safe and civil community. Please watch for upcoming communications.

## **Tender Process for the Town of Birch Hills**

Please be advised that the following tender related items will be posted on SaskTenders website as is required by Saskatchewan Procurement regulations: Invitation to Tender (ITT), Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Bid (RFB), Expression of Interest (EOI), Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ), Advanced Contract Award Notice (ACA), Request for Qualifications (RFQ3), Notice of Proposed Procurement (NPP). It is therefore the primary responsibility of the business owner or organization to search for tenders in the Town of Birch Hills and surrounding area. However, we try our best to accommodate local business owners by posting tenders on our public bulletins, our website, and in our minutes in addition to the SaskTenders website. At the discretion of Council, we may also send out an Invitation to Tender (ITT) to local businesses (must have valid business license). Please contact the Town Office if you are unsure of whether or not your license has been renewed.

