



Municipal Flag Protocol and Proclamation Policy (1.3) Request Form Please complete this form and submit it to adminteam@elgin.ca.

Organization: Elgin County Pride (Part of The Rainbow Optimist Club)

This Organization is:

☐ **Charitable Organization**

☒ **Not-for-profit Organization**

Event/Occasion: Elgin County Pride July 25th to August 3

Purpose of Event/Occasion: The goal of Pride is to assist in educating the community and showing the 2SLGBTQI+ residents that they are supported, creating a sense of community. Elgin County Pride is a celebration of acceptance, diversity, inclusivity and respect for all in Elgin County.

Proposed Date for Flag Raising and/or Proclamation: During our Pride week from July 25- Aug 4
(all flag raisings/proclamation dates are subject to availability in accordance with the Policy).

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My organization is requesting (please check all that apply):

☒ **Flag Raising** **Do I need to bring you a pride flag?**

☐ **Proclamation**

☐ **Lighting the Elgin Administration Building**

If your organization has a written proclamation you wish to be read, please include a copy with this form.



Please describe your organization/group:

Elgin County Pride is a celebration of inclusion, diversity, and respect for all in Elgin County. Pride is a promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of Two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people as a social group. Elgin County Pride is scheduled to run from Saturday, July 26 to Monday, August 4 with a Pride Family Day planned for Saturday, July 26 at Pinafore Park. Pride Family Day is an opportunity for service providers, business, service clubs, organizations and social groups to share information and provide awareness building activities with the general public. The Elgin County Pride Committee is planning for over a thousand people to participate in the various Pride events throughout the week

Has your organization achieved national or international distinction, made a significant contribution to the community, or helped to enhance the County of Elgin in a positive manner? Please describe:

Pride in Elgin County is a celebration that brings together hundreds, maybe thousands of people in support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. It embodies values of inclusivity, diversity respect, dignity, and equality. Together we acknowledge the diversity with the community, recognizing that every individual's identity and experience should be celebrated and respected.

While Ontario has made significant strides in promoting 2SLGBTQ+ rights and increasing the visibility, acceptance, and equality of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, Pride month also shines the light on the challenges that persist. Social stigma and prejudice continue to affect the community, underscoring the need for ongoing efforts to eradicate discrimination in all aspects of life. Pride serves as a reminder of the ongoing need for positive action, education, and advocacy.

Elgin County Pride in the Park is a free- family-friendly event where everyone is welcome. Our goal is to spread awareness, building connections and support networks, and to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of St. Thomas and it's residence.