

May 8, 2025

City of St. Thomas
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Dear Mayor Preston and Members of Council,

Please accept this letter as our request to proclaim **Sunday May 25th - Saturday May 31st National AccessAbility Week**, and that the Accessibility flag be flown at City Hall. As part of AccessAbility Week, we would also request that you proclaim **Wednesday May 28th as Red Shirt Day**.

National AccessAbility Week takes place every year starting on the last Sunday in May. National AccessAbility Week is a time when accessibility and inclusion is promoted across communities and workplaces and a time to celebrate the contributions of Canadians with disabilities. It is also an opportunity to recognize the efforts of Canadians who are actively removing barriers and ensuring persons with disabilities have an equal chance to participate in all aspects of Canadian society. We would like to hold a flag raising ceremony on **Monday May 26th at 10 a.m.**

Red Shirt Day takes place on the Wednesday of National AccessAbility Week each year. Wednesday May 28th will be a day when people across Canada come together and wear red in schools, workplaces and spaces everywhere in order to create a visible display of solidarity: to show their support for persons and families who are living with disabilities, celebrate the achievements of people living with disabilities, and to pledge their commitment to help create a fully accessible and inclusive society that honours and values the contributions of people of all abilities in all aspects of life in Canada.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request in promoting accessibility within the City of St. Thomas.

Jon Hindley, Deputy City Clerk

On behalf of the St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee,