



**Environmental Public Health Week
September 21 to 25, 2015**

WHEREAS Environmental Public Health Week recognizes the important work that Environmental Public Health Professionals (EHPs) such as Public Health Inspectors, Environmental Health Officers and other allied environmental public health occupations across Canada carry out in our communities.

WHEREAS EHPs are health advocates; promoting public health in its broadest form. Public health is influenced by many factors outside of the health care system and responding to a society's changing needs is vital when preparing to face the future. New challenges to public health emerge all of the time and a strong system is built both on its past successes and the reduction of the burden of illness in the near and distant future.

WHEREAS within the Canadian spectrum of health care, EHPs are an integral and important component. The opportunity for health begins where we live, work and play. Public health advances such as safer and healthier foods, control of infectious diseases, healthier environments and the recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard have contributed significantly to Canadians living longer. The commitment and leadership in activities that address the broad determinants of health has never been stronger.

WHEREAS EHPs work within federal, provincial and local governments, First Nation Tribal Councils and also within the private sector. EHPs are involved in inspection, enforcement and education in a wide range of programs and services, including but not limited to: food safety, recreational water, healthcare and childcare facilities, personal service settings, drinking water systems, land use planning, sewage system evaluation, air quality analysis, radon strategies, school safety and the implementation of controls on disease and health hazards.

THEREFORE, in recognition of the important role EHPs have in protecting the health of the public, I, Wm. (Bill) B. Robertson, Mayor of the Town of Okotoks, Alberta hereby proclaim September 21 to 25, 2015 as Environmental Public Health Week in Okotoks.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wm. (Bill) B. Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Wm. (Bill) B. Robertson
Mayor