

FREEDOM TO READ PROCLAMATION



FREEDOM TO READ WEEK
SEMAINE DE LA LIBERTÉ D'EXPRESSION

CENSURE
LIBERTÉ D'EXPRESSION
accès à l'information

CENSORSHIP
freedom of expression
access to information

WHEREAS *Freedom to Read Week* is an initiative to promote literacy, tolerance, knowledge, and a love of reading among all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the right to pursue the truth through free inquiry is essential to democratic decision-making;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read print on paper or online, is the essence of free inquiry;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read can never be taken for granted;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read is under attack;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

the Council of Okotoks endorses the objectives of *Freedom to Read Week*, and recognizes, reaffirms, and defends the rights of the citizens of Okotoks individually to decide what they will or will not read; and calls on all residents to actively work to achieve these objectives, and in so doing ensure Okotoks continues to be a Freedom to Read zone in which the freedom to read and the right to seek information will not be violated.

NOW, THEREFORE Members of Okotoks Town Council

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of February 18 – February 24, 2024, as

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in the Town of Okotoks