



## **City of Spruce Grove Proclamation Black History Month**

**February 1-28, 2023**

WHEREAS; the United Nations declared 2015 to 2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent and encouraged Canada and all nations of the world to take action to protect and promote the human rights and fundamental freedoms of people of African Descent; and of people of African, Caribbean and Afro-Indigenous descent; and

WHEREAS; the Government of Alberta officially proclaimed February as Black History Month in 2017 to honour and highlight the legacy and contributions of Black Canadians; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove recognizes and celebrates the significant and ongoing contributions of Black Canadians in all aspects of daily life including shaping identity, culture, advocacy, business, art, justice, sports and politics; and

WHEREAS; Black Canadians have struggled for equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination and oppression since before the abolishment of slavery, and still today too often face discrimination, inequity, and differential treatment; and

WHEREAS; Black History Month is a time to learn and reflect about the stories, culture, history, trauma and many important and ongoing contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth, prosperity and development of Alberta and Spruce Grove; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is committed to understanding the needs of underrepresented groups in the community; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove encourages citizens to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community today and everyday;

THEREFORE, I, Jan Gillett of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Spruce Grove.