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Margaret Quirk,

York Region is home to over 1.2 million people with an estimated 120,000 2SLGBTQ+ residents and a community that collectively speaks over 120 languages. Diversity is a characteristic and a cornerstone of our identity. While we uphold the Charter of Rights, in acknowledging the freedom of individuals to choose their affiliations. Our primary focus remains centered on fostering mutual respect amidst our differences. By nurturing understanding and patience, we aim to cultivate a cohesive and harmonious community where instances of hatred are diminished, and inclusivity flourishes.

Pride Month is not only a time of celebration but also a crucial opportunity to raise awareness; since 2021, hate-motivated incidents have increased by 64% (Statistics, Canada 2021). Several municipalities have made significant strides in supporting York Pride events and initiatives; our team believes your municipality has immense potential to demonstrate its commitment to education across the region. By raising the Pride flag at your civic centre or another prominent location during June, your municipality can send a powerful message of support to 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and allies.

I understand that this may require additional effort and resources. I am more than willing to collaborate with your office or department to facilitate the coordination of the flag-raising, and I am eager to work together to ensure that this event is meaningful and impactful. York Region could lead by example and set a precedent for change.

I hope you will seize this opportunity to stand together with the community.

Thank you for considering this request,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jacob Gal'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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