

Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 25, 2019
Originated By:	Karen Young, Executive Assistant
Title:	New Business-National Drowning Prevention Week Proclamation
File:	0801

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Lifesaving Society is a national, charitable organization working to prevent drowning and reduce water-related injury through training programs.

National Drowning Prevention Week is a public education initiative with events that take place across the country to focus media and community attention on the drowning problem and drowning prevention.

During the week of July 21-27 the Society urges individuals to:

- Supervise children in and around the water
- Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities
- Wear a lifejacket when boating.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nation Drowning Prevention Week Proclamation

MOTION:

That this Council resolve that the Village of Hines Creek does hereby proclaim July 21-27, 2019 NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in Hines Creek Alberta and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of the Village of Hines Creek.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>LW</i>
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LIFESAVING SOCIETY®

The Lifeguarding Experts

Alberta and Northwest
Territories Branch

June 4, 2019

Dear Mayors and Reeves of Alberta,

Canada faces a major problem – and a preventable one: Almost 500 people die every year from drowning. On behalf of the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch, I am writing to ask that you proclaim July 21-27, 2019 as NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in your Municipality.

The Lifesaving Society is a national, charitable organization working to prevent drowning and reduce water-related injury through our training programs, Water Smart® public education, drowning research and aquatic safety standards. The Lifesaving Society certifies Canada's National Lifeguards.

National Drowning Prevention Week is one of the Society's leading public education initiatives, with events taking place across the country to focus media and community attention on the drowning problem and drowning prevention. During this week, the Society urges individuals to:

- Supervise children in and around the water.
- Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities.
- Wear a lifejacket when boating.

If every Canadian followed these steps, we could greatly reduce Canada's drowning rate.

A proclamation from you would give greater exposure to our lifesaving efforts to residents of your Municipality. I hope you will consider our request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Lifesaving Society Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch at (780) 415-1755 or experts@lifesaving.org.

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in [province/territory] is one too many; and

WHEREAS most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of [city/municipality/province] to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to wear a Personal Flotation Device or lifejacket at all times when boating; and

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 21-27, 2019 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, [Name and Title] do hereby proclaim July 21-27, 2019 **NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK** in [city/municipality/province] and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of our [city/municipality/province].