



# Proclamation

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## National Youth Week in Canada

**May 1 to 7, 2026**

**Whereas** annually across Canada, May 1 to 7 is recognized as National Youth Week. Recreation benefits individuals, families, neighbourhoods and communities and The Town of Aurora provides high quality programs and leisure opportunities for residents to lead healthy, active lives through recreation and to make our community a great place to live, work and play; and

**Whereas** the Town of Aurora is recognized provincially as a Platinum Youth Friendly Community that strives to support youth in their pursuit of play and Positive Youth Development; and

**Whereas** there is an increasing interest in intentional youth development through recreation in Canada that is founded on a substantial and growing body of research to support the role of recreation in the positive development of youth. Canadian youth are often unrecognized for the valuable contributions they make to communities and Canada's social, economic and civic landscape. Meaningful youth engagement through recreation emphasizes access, equity and social justice and leads to positive youth development; and

**Whereas** National Youth Week reminds us all of the valuable contributions that recreation and parks can make to youth development and that youth can make to community development. The Town of Aurora will be hosting increased programming and events for youth in our community, through which we can recognize their contributions and actions towards the betterment of Aurora; and

**Whereas** National Youth Week is endorsed by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and the network of agencies and individuals committed to the positive development of youth; and

**Therefore be it resolved that**, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2026 as National Youth Week in the Town of Aurora.

Tom Mrakas  
Mayor