



## **Municipality Celebrates Pride Month Launch with Flag Raising and Proclamation**

**June 5, 2025**

Pride Month is well underway in the Municipality of the County of Kings.

The Municipality hosted a Pride Month 2025 Launch and Flag Raising event June 4.

The celebration started with remarks in Council Chambers and wrapped up with some community connection following the flag raising.

“I’m proud of Kings County, to have our launch and flag raising to let you know that you can come through our doors and we are here for you,” said Diversity Kings County Chairperson Coun. Christina Sappington in offering opening remarks.

The Municipality is continually working toward its vision of being a community of communities where all people belong through its [Strategy for Belonging](#).

Natalie Jagger, a high school student speaking on behalf of the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education, spoke of the importance of hosting and attending Pride events.

“It’s a public act of support that says our County is willing to support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community,” they shared.

“They’re opportunities to bring community together to foster acceptance and remind us all that everybody deserves to feel safe, seen and validated.”

Natalie expressed gratitude for all involved in the Pride Launch, and all in attendance.

“Your presence speaks volumes, enforcing the messages that inclusivity and love matter.”



Mayor Dave Corkum read the official Pride Month proclamation, stating: “the Municipality of the County of Kings is committed to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their sexuality, gender identity, or gender expression, are able to live full and meaningful lives in a safe and accepting environment.”

Valley Pride board member Lilly Ashdown, an employee of the Municipality, emceed and shared the exciting lineup of [upcoming Valley Pride events](#), including Queer Prom.

“It will be a night for some of us that we wish we would have had in our teens, but we didn’t feel safe and didn’t feel we could,” said Ashdown.

Diversity Kings County Vice-Chairperson Coun. Everett MacPherson commended the youth in the crowd for showing others how to celebrate diversity and create cultures of belonging and acceptance.

“We’re all individuals with aspirations and dreams and we all have the right to live our lives as we choose,” said MacPherson.

“...I’m proud of the courage and intelligence of our youth.”