

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

CAMPAIGN AIMS TO SUPPORT 2SLGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY, WRITES TAMARA LOPEZ



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Column

Though we cannot physically come together, we at PFLAG Halton are looking for ways to create a sense of visibility and community that means so much to us in June — when we celebrate Pride Month.

We've come up with a great way to come together, albeit virtually, through our latest initiative: the SHOW YOUR PRIDE campaign.

We're asking folks across Halton, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and allies, to tell us what PRIDE means to you. We want to light up social me-

dia in rainbow colours with community engagement and representation that we all need right now.

A link to the campaign can be found at www.facebook.com/haltonpflag.

Tell us what PRIDE means to you. You can tell us your story in whatever medium you like: a story with pictures, a poem, spoken word, in a video — whatever you prefer.

With your consent, we will share these stories across our social media platforms during the

month of June.

Everyone who participates will be entered into random draws to win some awesome PRIDE prizes and swag.

PFLAG Halton is also delivering a training session on allyship through the Milton Public Library on Thursday, June 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

We will discuss what allyship means and how to better become allies to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Visit www.mpl.on.ca to register, as spaces are limited.

Of course, PFLAG Halton could not do this alone. We want to thank all the public libraries across the region for helping us to show our pride with this campaign, as well as for offering us space to provide training.

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NEWS

RAINBOW CROSSWALK TO BE INSTALLED IN ACTON

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The Town of Halton Hills will celebrate diversity with the unveiling of a second rainbow crosswalk on June 15.

The new crosswalk will be installed in Acton at the intersection of Main Street and River Street.

In accordance with current COVID-19 protocols, the event will be livestreamed on Facebook with residents invited to join the celebration virtually.

"The second rainbow painted crosswalk in Acton represents a permanent show of support for our 2SLGBTQ+ community," Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "and it's also a visible reminder that everyone is welcome in Halton Hills."

The multi-coloured crosswalk represents the



Bryan Myers/Metroland

The first rainbow crosswalk was unveiled in Halton Hills last year.

town's commitment to embracing diversity and inclusion.

"I am pleased to see Halton Hills showing support for Pride and the 2SLGBTQ+ community with the addition of a second rainbow crosswalk located in Acton," Coun.

Clark Somerville said. "It represents an opportunity to stand in support of diversity and inclusion."

Halton Hills' first rainbow crosswalk was installed in 2020 at the intersection of Market Street and Church Street in Georgetown.

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