## **Dates & Months of Recognition Pilot**

There is a desire for the City of Hamilton to become more proactive and cohesive in recognizing days of significance, community, and cultural celebrations. We recognize certain days, weeks, or months are recognized, but not others.

We are seeking to develop a centralized internal calendar that can be utilized to better share important dates, and to provide suggestions as to which departments or individuals should share the information, as well as guidance on how to recognize it (i.e. appropriate wording, graphics, ensure important dates or months are identified, etc.).

This would involve collecting an extensive list of dates internally and sorting them into appropriate categories. An internal list would be developed, and dates would then be shared on a regular basis with the appropriate staff. Our goal would be to recognize 20 – 30 dates on an annual basis.

We recognize the challenges in recognizing every significant event, and currently are prioritizing the following during the pilot phase:

- Current/Historically recognized by the City, City departments, the Mayor's office, etc.
- Provincially recognized dates
- Federally recognized dates
- Recognized by the United Nations
- Recognizing select events taking place on City of Hamilton property (ex. using information collected from SEAT and other depts)

We are circulating the current draft document to see if there's any feedback or input you would like to contribute to this effort. Our hope would be that you can assist in prioritizing up to 30 days for the City to recognize on an annual basis.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact me.

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