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To Mayor's and CAO's

I am proud to participate in the Pride parade on Saturday, September 16th and would like to encourage all Regional Mayor's and CAO's to also take part.

Pride parades are a celebration of love, equality, and inclusivity, and I firmly believe in promoting these values within our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Chirico".

Peter Chirico
Mayor
City of North Bay

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Subject: Invitation to Attend and Walk with Mayor Peter Chirico in Solidarity Against Hate at North Bay Pride March
From: North Bay Pride <fiertenorthbaypride@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 11:12 AM
Cc: Peter CHIRICO <mayorchirico@northbay.ca>; Linda Cook <linda.cook@northbay.ca>
Subject: Invitation to Attend and Walk with Mayor Peter Chirico in Solidarity Against Hate at North Bay Pride March

Dear Mayor and Council,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to extend a heartfelt invitation to you and the esteemed members of your city council to join us in a remarkable event that embodies unity, love, and the shared commitment to eradicating hate. On behalf of Mayor Peter Chirico of North Bay, Ontario, we cordially invite you to attend and walk with us during the Pride March in North Bay on September 16, 2023 which starts at 1pm.

We are witnessing a concerning rise in hate and discrimination against the 2SLGBTQ+ community across the province. It is crucial, now more than ever, that municipal officials like yourself take a stand and lead by example in denouncing such acts of hatred. By actively participating in the North Bay Pride March, we can collectively demonstrate our unwavering support for the 2SLGBTQ+ community across Canada and our firm commitment to combating hate in all its forms.

The Pride March in North Bay serves as a significant platform to stand up against hate and celebrate the diversity and inclusivity that thrive within our communities. By coming together in a show of solidarity, we can create a powerful message that reverberates across the entire province and resonates with people from all walks of life. Our collective presence will not only demonstrate our commitment to supporting the 2SLGBTQ+ community but also highlight our shared vision of a society free from prejudice and discrimination.

As mayors and city council members, you hold a unique position of influence within our communities. By attending this event, we can inspire other municipal officials, residents, and individuals across the province and country to actively engage in promoting acceptance and equality. By demonstrating our unity and resolve, we can set an example that shows the strength and power of standing together against hate.

Furthermore, the media impact of such a gathering cannot be underestimated. As mayors and city council members, we have a responsibility to be champions of positive change and to lead by example. The presence of multiple mayors and city council members from different regions at the North Bay Pride March will undoubtedly attract significant media attention. This will provide an exceptional platform to promote the values of acceptance, equality, and love, and to showcase the united front we present in the face of bigotry.

We kindly request that you confirm your attendance as soon as possible, allowing us sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements. Please feel free to reach out to us for any further information or assistance required.

We genuinely believe that your presence at the North Bay Pride March will have a lasting impact, not only within our own municipality but across the entire province. Together, we can send a resounding message against hate and discrimination, fostering an environment where everyone can live authentically and proudly.

Thank you for your consideration, and we eagerly look forward to your positive response. If you could also share this with any other Mayors and City Council that would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Jason

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Communications Director

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