

Proclamation
Recreation and Parks Month
June 2024

WHEREAS: In Sioux Lookout, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS: Recreation enhances quality of life, balance living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

WHEREAS: Recreational participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhance social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS: Parks, open space and trails provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities, help maintain clean air and water; and promotes stewardship of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS: Recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated anti-social behavior; and

WHEREAS: The benefits provided by recreation program, services and parks and open space, reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism' and curb employment absenteeism; and

WHEREAS: All levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks program, services and facilities;

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THEREFORE: I, Doug Lawrance, Mayor of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, do hereby proclaim **June 2024** as **Recreation and Parks Month**, which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality public and private recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.



Doug Lawrance, Mayor