



Proclamation
National Drowning Prevention Week
July 19 to 25, 2026
World Drowning Prevention Day
July 25, 2026

Whereas, The Lifesaving Society designated July 19 to July 25, 2026 as National Drowning Prevention Week to focus attention on drowning prevention, and the World Health Organization recognizes World Drowning Prevention Day on July 25, 2026; and

Whereas, it is important for the residents of the Town of Orangeville to be aware of water safety, including drowning risks and water incident prevention; and

Whereas, an estimated 236,000 people drown annually worldwide, making it a top ten leading cause of death for children aged 5-14 and over 400 Canadians drown each year, and more than half of those drownings occur during the summer. Most drownings are preventable and could be avoided if people correctly wore a Lifejacket or Personal Floatation Device (PFD); and

Whereas, approximately 90 per cent of drowning victims are found not wearing a PFD or Lifejacket. The promotion of water safety and the fact that everyone, regardless of their swimming ability or boating experience, should always wear a PFD;

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the week of July 19 to 25, 2026 as “**National Drowning Prevention Week**” and July 25, 2026 as “**World Drowning Prevention Day**” in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post
Mayor