

Proclamation

May 2023

Community Living Awareness Month

Whereas, Community Living Dufferin's work began in 1954 when a group of families and concerned citizens came together to create community alternatives for their loved ones; and

Whereas, there are over 100 Community Living Associations across Canada that provide direct support services and advocacy to over 12,000 people and families with intellectual disabilities; and

Whereas, Community Living Dufferin has 11 locations in Orangeville and 5 locations within Dufferin County providing services and support to over 150 adults through its many programs and services; and

Whereas, Community Living Dufferin along with Community Living Associations across Canada are inviting people to expand their definition of the familiar word in Canadian history and vocabulary; Citizenship, to also incorporate the welcoming of others and believing that everyone can contribute to our community when provided the opportunity; and

Now Therefore, I, **Mayor Lisa Post**, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as "**Community Living Awareness Month**" in the Town of Orangeville and encourage all community members to embrace the expanded definition of Citizenship.

Lisa Post Mayor