

Trans Day of  
Visibility - March  
31st



# Trans Day of Visibility

- Trans Day of Visibility is celebrated on March 31st
- Unlike Trans Day of Remembrance in November, Trans Day of Visibility (#TDOV) is meant to be a celebration of Trans lives and voices
  
- I'm proposing the following:
  - A Flag Request
  - A Trans Day of Visibility Celebration (Preferably at City Hall)
  - A proclamation request

# Why?

- There has been no (or limited) research into hate crimes against Trans folk since the 2018 "Survey of Safety in Public and Private Spaces (SSPPS)"
- The research that came out of the SSPPS in 2018 showed victimization and sexual abuse among the Trans Community was higher than the average
- Trans people deserve to be their authentic self without fear of discrimination or harassment
  - In fact, these folks deserve the opportunity to celebrate their identities
- The Trans community faces more discrimination than other minority groups (according to the above SSPPS survey)

## (Some) SSPPS Study Findings:

### **Transgender Canadians are more likely than non-transgender Canadians to experience violent victimization and unwanted sexual behaviours**

Similar to the experiences of sexual minority Canadians when compared with their heterosexual peers, transgender Canadians were more likely than non-transgender (cisgender) Canadians to report experiencing violent victimization since the age of 15. They were also more likely to report experiencing inappropriate sexual behaviours in all settings covered by the survey—in public, online and at work—than their non-transgender peers.

While transgender and non-transgender Canadians were equally likely to have engaged in binge drinking, transgender victims were more likely than non-transgender victims to report using drugs or alcohol to cope with their lifetime experiences of abuse or violence. Transgender Canadians were also more likely to report poor or fair mental health and suicidal thoughts than non-transgender Canadians.

# Some Questions

1. Can DIACAC be listed as the “organization” on the Flag/Proclamation requests?
2. What issues do we have to consider with bringing a celebration to City Hall?
3. Is it even feasible to plan this in the amount of time we have left? We’ll have one more DIACAC meeting before #TDOV but I would assume everything needs to go through Council (in terms of an event?)