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# Wetaskiwin

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### City of Wetaskiwin seeks Diversity and Inclusion Task Force members

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – The City is seeking interested community members to join the newly-formed Diversity and Inclusion Task Force—made up of a maximum of fifteen (15) members representing a broad range of under-served and equity-seeking groups.

The Task Force will serve as a forum of discussion to develop and implement initiatives to drive awareness and education on creating a welcoming and inclusive community for all—regardless of race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, age, income level, or language. Appointed members will serve on the task force for a period of thirteen (13) months.

“Our goal through the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force is to mobilize change in our community by ensuring that all under-served groups in Wetaskiwin have a say,” explains Sue Howard, City Manager for the City of Wetaskiwin. “The members of this task force will be empowered through actionable and sustainable recommendations that will be adopted by our citizens, City Administration, Council, and local businesses.”

A welcoming and inclusive community initiative is no longer optional for municipalities who strive to be progressive. This Task Force will help develop diversity and inclusion principles which will guide the community in providing equitable and safe access to spaces throughout the City.

“The City of Wetaskiwin recognizes the importance of creating a safe community for everyone who lives, works, or visits here,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “We are putting together a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force to ensure that each person has every opportunity to know that they are welcome in our city.”

For more information and the task force application package, visit the City of Wetaskiwin website at [www.wetaskiwin.ca/inclusiontaskforce](http://www.wetaskiwin.ca/inclusiontaskforce).

#### About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of 12,655 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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