



NORTH DURHAM PRIDE

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To the CAO and Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of North Durham Pride of which I am a Board member. Our organization is dedicated to promoting visibility and representation of 2SLGBTQI+ individuals in Scugog, Uxbridge, and Brock Townships. Our vision is to cultivate an inclusive and diverse rural culture that values and respects the contributions, experiences, and identities of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. June 10 will be the main “Small Town Big Pride” event held in Port Perry, but we want to include all of North Durham which means we will be rotating small events throughout the different communities leading up to the next big pride event in June the following year. This will allow the community, along with allies and family members, to keep in touch and to celebrate diversity year-round, throughout North Durham.

We have partnered with many local businesses throughout the area as well as Durham Region and Durham Tourism. It is our hope that we can also drive visitors and tourism to this area that we have all chosen to live in, work, develop businesses and raise families.

We would like to request the use of Centennial Park on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 10 am to 3 pm to hold a “Beaverton Beach Day”. We would need more picnic tables and garbage receptacles to the area if possible. Our list of activities (not finalized yet) are: Craft activities, bubble blowing, face painting, beach ball, frisbee, picnicking, freezie giveaways, kayaking, paddleboarding, hotdog/hamburg bbq stall (we know we have to speak to the Fire Marshall about that), a few community booths, a giant tortoise and giant bunny (Zoo to You), and fishing for those that have licences, a local performer or two or DJ. The event is free of charge and is intended to be a fun day for friends and families in Brock Township on Lake Simcoe.

Sincerely,

ALISON BENNIE (she/her)

Board Member
North Durham Pride

