



Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan

From Many Peoples Strength

Saskatchewan Multicultural Week

November 18-26, 2017

Building Welcoming Communities

Why Celebrate Saskatchewan Multicultural Week?

In 1974, Saskatchewan was the first province to enact multiculturalism legislation, recognizing the right of every community to retain its identity, language and traditional arts and sciences for the mutual benefit of citizens. In 1997, the Act was revised and a section of the Act states the policy should preserve, strengthen and promote Aboriginal cultures and acknowledge their historic and current contribution to development of Saskatchewan. More information is available on [The Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act](#). Responsibility for the Act resides with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

The Act states broadly the provincial multiculturalism policy and provides the Minister power to carry out the purposes of the Act. The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) was founded on November 22, 1975 and has been instrumental in the development and promotion of these multicultural values, including the Saskatchewan motto *From Many Peoples Strength*. Saskatchewan Multicultural Week is celebrated each November during the week that includes November 22nd.

MCoS has outlined four [multicultural values](#). They are rooted in the provincial motto and the treaty relationships that define our province. They are supported by the Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act (1997) and the Canadian Multiculturalism Act (1985). They inform our [five streams of multicultural work](#).

Saskatchewan Multicultural Week Campaign



Who is your #MulticulturalSuperhero and how do they help to create welcoming and inclusive communities? Tell us on social media. Get creative!

<http://mcos.ca/multiculturalsuperhero>

Multicultural Superheroes Promote Multicultural Values and Create Welcoming and Inclusive Communities

Multicultural Superheroes can include any person or group of people, real or fictitious, who inspires you with their super powers for respect and inclusion. A **#MulticulturalSuperhero** is someone who creates welcoming and inclusive communities by:

- Protecting and celebrating all cultures
- Proudly embracing and sharing traditions
- Battling “Villains” such as racism, discrimination, disrespectful ideologies, oppressive social systems and institutions, etc.
- Leaping tall barriers to build bridges for intercultural connections
- Activating a power magnet to draw diverse people together for creative innovation
- Demonstrating super vision and strength to achieve equality and equity for all

Examples of Multicultural Superheroes could be leaders of all types: Organizations, Movements, Individuals (Family Members; Friends; Politicians; Activists; Famous People; Comic book, TV, Movie and Book Characters; Authors; Artists; Athletes; etc.), Amnesty International, Idle No More, Your Mom, Your boss, a Teacher, Louis Riel, Nelson Mandela, Rosemary Brown, Maria Linklater, Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Peggy McIntosh, Harriet Tubman, Elijah Harper, Rosalie Abella, Kamala Khan, Black Panther, Maya Angelou, Jackie Robinson, Zarqa Nawaz, Arundhati Roy, David Suzuki, etc.

Welcome Home 150 Pledge

WELCOME HOME

I/We, _____,
(name of individual, business, institution or group)
commit to uphold the Saskatchewan motto
From Many Peoples Strength and actively support welcoming
and inclusive communities that create a sense of home and
belonging for all people.

I/We will:

- support equality, respect and dignity among all people in my/our community
- learn more about contributions of Indigenous people and our treaty rights and responsibilities
- participate in events that include and celebrate diversity
- recognize and reject racism
- develop relationships with people from different cultures
- encourage opportunities for all community members to contribute and to be valued

I/We make a personal commitment to

- _____
- _____

As we recognize Canada 150, Saskatchewan is more diverse than ever. It is exciting to see vibrancy in our communities as we experience diversity and benefit from the economic and social innovation it brings. This is why we celebrate Saskatchewan Multicultural Week.

However, we cannot ignore the challenges posed by our colonial history and recent arrival of many newcomers. Racism, discrimination, stereotyping, and bias not only hurt an individual, but also affect the whole community.

Welcoming and inclusive communities are free from discrimination. Residents feel able to participate in all aspects of the social, economic, cultural, and civic/political life on the municipality.

It all starts with a personal commitment. It starts with you. Be a multicultural superhero and celebrate Canada 150 by taking the pledge to make Saskatchewan more Welcoming and Inclusive for all.

Pledge: <http://mcos.ca/welcome-150-pledge/>

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