



Multicultural  
Council of  
Saskatchewan

*From Many Peoples Strength*

## Saskatchewan Multicultural Week

November 17-25, 2018

***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 22.

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.

## Welcoming & Inclusive Communities Toolkit



**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.

**We cannot, however, ignore the challenges** posed by our colonial systems, and the rapid increase in newcomers. Racism, discrimination, stereotypes, and bias not only hurt an individual, but also affect the whole community.

**Welcoming and inclusive communities** are free from discrimination. Residents are able to express all aspects of their identities and participate fully in the social, economic, cultural, and political life of the community.

**Become a Multicultural Superhero.** It starts with a personal commitment to make Saskatchewan welcoming and inclusive for all. This toolkit will help guide this process for you and your community and/or organization.

Download kit: <http://mcos.ca/welcoming-and-inclusive-communities-toolkit/>

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