



PROCLAMATION

2026 NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

2026 WORLD DROWNING PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS drowning is a preventable cause of death, taking the lives of approximately 400 Canadians each year; and

WHEREAS National Drowning Prevention Week, led by the Lifesaving Society, aims to raise public awareness of water safety through education and community programming; and

WHEREAS the City of Fort Saskatchewan and Harbour Pool are committed to promoting safe swimming practices and providing residents with critical water safety knowledge; and

WHEREAS the 2026 theme, Prepare, emphasizes planning ahead, building skills, and making smart choices around water to save lives, and

WHEREAS World Drowning Prevention Day, observed globally on July 25, calls for united action to reduce drowning through community involvement and education;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lisa Makin, Mayor of the City of Fort Saskatchewan, do hereby proclaim July 19 to 25, 2026, as National Drowning Prevention Week, and July 25, 2026, as World Drowning Prevention Day in Fort Saskatchewan. I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of water safety and to take steps to protect themselves and others around water because we are all safer together.

Mayor Lisa Makin

July 21, 2026