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Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Delegation Request Form has been submitted at Wednesday April 17th 2024 12:52 PM with reference number 2024-04-17-004.

- **Organization's Name (if applicable)**
Oxford County Pride Committee
- **Name and Title of Primary Contact / Main Presenter**
Tami Murray President Oxford Pride Committee
- **Street Address**
[REDACTED]
- **Daytime Contact Number**
[REDACTED]
- **Email address**
[REDACTED]
- **Name and Title of Other Presenter (if applicable)**
Tami Murray
- **Date you wish to present to Council**
4/24/2024
- **How would you like to attend the Council meeting?**
In-person
- **If attending an in-person council meeting , do you or any members of your party require accessibility accommodations?**
N?A

- **Use the space below to clearly outline the purpose for your presentation to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome**

The purpose of the delegation is a proposed safe, well and inclusion bylaw. This request is in response to the atrocities experienced by the 2slgbtqai+ community in June 2023. Particularly the Drag story times hosted by the County and Woodstock Libraries in conjunction with Oxford Pride. The trauma our families, children, library staff and the pride team experienced due to protestors who blocked library door entry ways, while shouting profanities, calling us groomers, signs that displayed kill pedophiles and ultimately these people barged into the library space took it over, sat in chairs intended for children and refused to leave the space, attempting to preach and indoctrinate us via bible verses and implications that we are going to hell and their mission is to save children. While they block doorways, yelled and screamed horrible things, and didn't allow children or young mothers safely in the space to sit down. Prior to each story time Library staff were faced with harassing's phone calls, threats with implications of hurting children. Many families and children were escorted out of the back doors of the Ingersoll Library as they were intimidate, fearful and frankly scared to death of the grown ups who were claiming to want to save the children. When in fact they traumatized many children and their families, including library staff. No child should ever fear walking into a public library space and promptly leave in tears due to fear! It took over 40 minutes for police to negotiate these people out of the library space as they refused to move, and when they did they literally circled the group of children holding bibles in one hand, a sign in another stating "save the children" while they murmured prayer that was not asked for, wanted or appropriate for the space. Just for one moment imagine your a 6 year old child excited to attend a fun, activity filled story time at the library, you arrive with your family you are met with a group of angry, volatile grown ups yelling and screaming, you finally get into the building then they force themselves into the space and then encircle you with bibles. This as organized, intentional and had the sole purpose of impeding, threatening, and destroying the event. Now imagine for one moment if I planned the same sort of protest outside of a church! The actions and behaviors of these grown adults was planned, targeted, with the intent to project hate harm. Moving forward it makes sense to ensure that all families and children are safe and secure when attending pride events. Therefore I am purposing the development of a safe, well and inclusion bylaw that ensures the safety and security of families and children entering County/municipal spaces. Please see attached which is similar to the bylaw developed in Calgary.

- **Will you be providing any electronic information (i.e. a**

presentation) beyond your summary above?

No

- **If YES, please upload here (Allowed extensions pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif)**

1. [The Safe.docx \[13.7 KB\]](#)

- **Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?**

No

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