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## City Council proclaims March Race Relations Month

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Saskatoon City Council has proclaimed March as Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Month. To mark the day, the City is holding a Proclamation Ceremony & Flag Raising on March 1. All are welcome.

- 1:30 to 2:00 pm: Proclamation Ceremony, Council Chambers
- 2:00 to 2:15 pm: Flag Raising, Civic Square (area beside City Hall off 23rd St E)

The Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Flag will be flown in Civic Square from March 1-7.

The month includes the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which the City recognizes annually with the presentation of the [Living in Harmony Awards](#).

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on March 21 to mark the anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre on March 21, 1960. On this day, peaceful demonstrators were protesting the Apartheid 'pass laws' which were used to segregate and control the Black South African citizens. The police response was to open fire on the peaceful gathering, killing many and wounding many more.

Many ongoing policies continue to hide ongoing discrimination against Indigenous people in Canada. Race Relations Month is a time to remember that our efforts to eliminate racial discrimination must continue all year long.

Since 1990, Saskatoon City Council has proclaimed March as Race Relations Month, and has awarded Living in Harmony Recognition Awards annually on or around March 21. The Living in Harmony Awards recognize individuals, organizations, and students who take a stand against racism in our community. The 2023 deadline to submit a Living in Harmony nomination is March 3.

For more information about Race Relations Month, visit [saskatoon.ca/RaceRelations](https://saskatoon.ca/RaceRelations).

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