



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK
PROCLAMATION
May 4 - May 8, 2026**

WHEREAS, communities rely on economic development professionals to promote economic well-being and quality of life for businesses and residents; for communities like Okotoks that means coordinating activities that create, retain, and expand jobs in order to facilitate growth, knowledge, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of Alberta's economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including local, regional, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities and colleges, and a variety of other institutions and groups; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their municipalities and regions; and

WHEREAS, professional economic developers work in the Town of Okotoks within the Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE, Members of Okotoks Town Council do hereby recognize May 4 through May 8, 2026 as Economic Development Week, and remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports new, existing and expanding business opportunities and making lives better for all Okotoks businesses and residents.

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