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Greetings,

My name is Sophie, and I am a member of the Groupe LGBTQ+Alliés de Prescott-Russell LGTBQ+Allies Group. Our bilingual group has been active for over two years in the region: we hold monthly meetings in Hawkesbury and Casselman; we have attended a dozen events with our promotional tables; and we continue to work closely with our partners in various school boards and health-related agencies to provide information about gender identity and sexual orientation to their employees. Our mission is to facilitate access to support, resources and education in our mainly rural community. We seek to foster change so that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people can participate free of negative stereotypes and as equal members of society.

Last year, we asked our municipalities to raise a Pride flag during the third week of July to mark our Pride celebration, and 5 out of 8 municipalities did so. Once again this year, in recognition of the diverse community residing in our villages and townships, we kindly request that all the municipalities in the United Counties of Prescott-Russell raise a Pride flag from July 15 to 21 to coincide with our annual Pride Picnic, being held on July 20.

Please join other municipalities and jurisdictions across Canada and outline your support for tolerance and equality.

Thank you,

Sophie Lalonde

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