



## PROCLAMATION – WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

May 3, 2026

**WHEREAS**, a healthy, professional news media is essential for the proper functioning of civil society and democracy at the local, regional, federal and international levels; and

**WHEREAS**, The United Nations has proclaimed “World Press Freedom Day” as an annual observance each May 3<sup>rd</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Local News Research Project, since 2008 more than 600 news outlets in roughly 400 communities across Canada have closed or merged (compared to the launch and continued operation of roughly 264 in 193 communities);

**WHEREAS**, 25 municipalities in nine provinces across Canada acknowledged World Press Freedom Day in 2025; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, PJ Stasko, Mayor of the City of Camrose, do hereby proclaim **May 3, 2026** as **World Press Freedom Day** in the City of Camrose.

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PJ Stasko, Mayor