



January 22, 2025

Mayor Peter Brown

400 Main Street SE
Airdrie AB T4B 3C3

Dear Mayor Brown,

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states very clearly that every person has the fundamental right to “thought, belief, opinion, and expression”. Nevertheless, works of literature have been and continue to be challenged in Canada and around the globe.

In alignment with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Federation of Library associations “affirms that all persons in Canada have a fundamental right, subject only to the Constitution and the law, to have access to the full range of knowledge, imagination, ideas, and opinion, and to express their thoughts publicly”. Further, the Canadian Federation of Library Associations affirms that “libraries have the core responsibility to support, defend, and promote the universal principles of intellectual freedom and privacy”.

In acknowledgement of their core responsibility to support intellectual freedom, libraries across Canada present a united front in supporting and advocating for intellectual freedom during Freedom to Read Week, an annual event launched in 1984 by Canada’s Book and Periodical Council to promote freedom of expression and access to Canadian books and magazines.

The Airdrie Public Library invites the City of Airdrie to join us in supporting Freedom to Read Week by proclaiming February 23 to March 1, 2025 Freedom to Read Week in Airdrie.

Sincerely,

DANIEL NELLES
Chair, City of Airdrie Library Board