

MPP-007 Event and Flag Policy

Muskoka Pride is dedicated to holding events which build connections and provide educational opportunities to the greater Muskoka community, and which promote social opportunities within the Muskoka Queer community. Muskoka Pride events shall be inclusive of all members of the Queer community. The rainbow Pride flag shall be the official flag used for Muskoka Pride events. The Progress Pride flag shall be raised at all official flag raisings during Muskoka Pride Week.

ST-007 Event and Flag Standards

Muskoka Pride Events

- Muskoka Pride events should provide opportunities to meet one or more of the following goals:
 - allow LGBTQ+ community members to meet socially
 - promote LGBTQ+ visibility
 - promote awareness and education of LGBTQ+ issues.
- Muskoka Pride events shall be open and inclusive.
- Anyone may attend Muskoka Pride events, regardless of identity.

Affiliate Events

- Muskoka Pride may choose to support and help promote events organized by organizations not connected to Muskoka Pride, provided the event is in line with the Muskoka Pride objectives.
- Affiliate events may have a narrower focus than Muskoka Pride events (for example, for a specific subset of the LGBTQ+ community).
- The **Festival Committee** may add these affiliate events to the list of Pride Week events.

Flag Raising Ceremonies

- The **Festival Committee** is responsible for arranging flag raising ceremonies in all Muskoka municipalities in celebration of Pride Week, and inviting dignitaries and the media to attend.
- The Progress Pride flag will be flown during Pride Week.
- LGBTQ+ community members may bring other flags to be held during the flag-raising ceremonies.
- Since several communities limit a group to one flag raising ceremony per year, Muskoka Pride will support other groups looking to arrange flag raising ceremonies to recognize dates of significance for the LGBTQ+ community (for example, Trans Day of Remembrance, Asexual Awareness Week, etc).

Flags at Muskoka Pride Events

- Rainbow flags will be flown or displayed prominently at Muskoka Pride events.
- LGBTQ+ community members may bring other flags.

Alcohol at Muskoka Pride Events

- Alcohol will not be served at Muskoka Pride events, except:
 - When held at a business with a liquor license, and the alcohol is served and sold by that business.
 - When it is an affiliate event, and the alcohol is provided by the organization not connected to Muskoka Pride.