

Sept. 4/25

The Town of The Blue Mountains Town Council

Re. Application for Proclamation "October is Probus Month"

I approach Town Council on behalf of the Beaver Valley Probus Club. We are a group of local retired or semi retired people who come together as a non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit club that provides regular opportunities for members to meet others to make new friends and maintain and expand interests. The Beaver Valley Probus Club has been in the community since 2001, meeting monthly at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. We are the largest Probus Club in Canada with 639 members and offer 32 activities and many events throughout the year.

The Government of Canada declared October as Probus month back in the year 2020. Our request would be that The Town of The Blue Mountains proclaims October as Probus month and permit us to raise our Beaver Valley Probus Club flag on the appropriate town flagpole for the month of October.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Kirby Philp

President Beaver Valley Probus Club

SCHEDULE C



# Application for Proclamation

POL.COR.21.01

Please complete and submit your completed form to the Town Clerk at least 3 weeks in advance of the occasion.

Organization Name	Beaver Valley Probus Club
Contact Name	Kirby Philp (President)
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]

Proclamation Requested (Name/Title of Proclamation)
Probus Month October 2025

Dates of Proclamation (Please check and insert dates)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Day(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Week	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Month	October 2025
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Purpose of Proclamation (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Civic Promotions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Awareness Campaign	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charitable Fundraising Campaign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts and Cultural Celebration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Honour for Individual/Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

Description of Your Organization (Please include a brief description and any other relevant information related to your request. Additional information/documentation may be attached to this application.)

Please see attached:

**Has the same or a similar proclamation been requested of the Town of The Blue Mountains Council in the past?**

Yes (insert date of previous request)       No

Please provide the draft wording for your proclamation for Council consideration in order to receive an official signed proclamation from the Mayor.

Proclamation Flag (please provide photo of the proposed flag if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Aug 29 / 25

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Date Request Received \_\_\_\_\_

Proclamation Outcome

Approved       Denied       Other

Approved/Denied By \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your requested submission to The Town of The Blue Mountains website**

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**Town of The Blue Mountains, ON** <webcommittee@thebluemountains.ca>  
To: <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 19 at 6:23 PM

Hello,

Your submission to The Town of The Blue Mountains website was received. We value our community's input, and will respond accordingly.

As requested, here is a copy of the details you submitted:

**Name:**  
Kirby Philp

**Email:**  
[REDACTED]

**Phone:**  
[REDACTED]

**How can we help you?**

I am reaching out to as the President of the Beaver Valley Probus Club. We are a group of local retired or semi-retired people who come together in non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit, autonomous club that provides regular opportunities for members to meet others to make new friends and maintain and expand interests. The Beaver Valley Probus Club has been in the community since 2001 meeting monthly at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. We currently offer 32 activities and many events throughout the year for members. We are the largest Probus Club in Canada with 639 members. The Government of Canada declared October as Probus Month back in 2020. Our request is that we would like to organize a ceremony to raise and fly a Probus flag at Town Hall for the month of October. I would like to bring along a representative from Probus Canada as well as some of our members for this ceremony. This was done in Collingwood in 2022 and I can share both the Proclamation used in Collingwood along with info from Probus Canada on October is Probus month. I would be happy to discuss this request in further detail at a time that is convenient for you. I hope we can make this work.

Regards  
Kirby Philp  
President Beaver Valley Probus Club

We have also received any files and/or images you may have uploaded with your submission.

Thank you.



## OCTOBER IS PROBUS MONTH

### What is your club doing to celebrate Probud Month?

October 1 was declared National Seniors Day by Royal Assent by the Government of Canada on November 18, 2020, and first celebrated on October 1, 2021.

As Probud is for retired and semi-retired people, October is the perfect time to celebrate Probud Month. Let's celebrate and let everyone know about Probud!

Let people know ... Probud is a social club, not a service club. It is a volunteer-based, low-cost, inclusive, non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization focused on promoting fellowship, fun, fellowship, and learning.

There are many ways you can celebrate. [If you are planning a flag-raising event, or asking city hall to issue a proclamation, you should apply soon \(July or August\).](#)

- Create a Probud Club flag or banner
- Fly Club flags at City/Town Hall
- Ask your municipalities to proclaim October as Probud month and publish a proclamation in local papers and on social media
- Encourage friends and relatives to join your special PROBUS celebration
- Enjoy cake, breakfast, luncheon, dinner.
- Create memorabilia displays at your meetings
- Acknowledge founding members, Presidents, Management Teams, and volunteers
- Invite your District Director to celebrate with you
- Extend an invitation to a neighboring Probud Club to join in your meeting, turn it into party
- Enjoy group activities
- Organize contests such as funny hats, costumes, trivia, name that tune
- Send out a press release – there's an example in the Club Reference Guide [here](#).
- Share our [Podcast](#).
- Share the videos on our [YouTube Channel](#).
- Put up some posters or spread around pamphlets. We have templates [here](#).

Let us know how you celebrated ... send photos and stories to [gm@probudcanada.ca](mailto:gm@probudcanada.ca).

**Get Connected, Stay Connected.**



Flag

Purple / Blue Background  
Yellow text "Beaver Valley Probus Club"

- 48" x 72"

## **Proclamation- PROBUS Month October 2025**

WHEREAS, PROBUS is a local, national and international association of retired and semi-retired people who come together to meet others in similar circumstances and expand their interests; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Probus Club is to provide regular meetings, guest speakers, programs, and activities for it's members; and

WHEREAS, presently there is an active Probus Club in The Town of The Blue Mountains with 639 members; and

WHEREAS, Probus Clubs are strictly social clubs, that are non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit and non-charitable.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor of The Town of the Blue Mountains,

DO HERBY PROCLAIM October 2025 as "PROBUS Month" in the Town of The Blue Mountains.