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Creating a more inclusive community

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Strathcona County Pride kicked off Pride Week with the raising of the Transgender Flag at the Volunteer Centre on Saturday, June 11.

Unlike in past years of hoisting the inclusive Pride flag, altView Foundation executive director Michael Green said that Transgender Flag was chosen because the transgender community has “a long road to go for safety and inclusion in our society.”

“In the last several years, we’ve seen transphobia increase year over year. We’re seeing transphobic rhetoric influencing our schools, in-

fluencing our minds and our people to impress, to judge, to exclude, to make people less safe. When we raise the Trans Flag today, we want to honour and acknowledge all of the trans folks who live right here in Strathcona County. We acknowledge that you are here. We see you and we welcome you. We are committed day by day to making sure that this community is as safe for you as it has been for the rest of us,” Green said.

Members with the local Pride committee also celebrated the new Progress Pride crosswalks painted at the three-way stop by the Community Centre.