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APRIL IS SPECIAL OLYMPICS MONTH IN AURORA

FLAG RAISING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE AURORA TOWN HALL MONDAY APRIL 9TH AT 9:00AM

AURORA ONTARIO, MONDAY MARCH 26TH , 2018 – Special Olympics Ontario – Aurora celebrates their 10 year anniversary on April 9th, and to mark the occasion the Town of Aurora has pronounced April Special Olympics Month. The Special Olympics Flag will be raised at Aurora Town Hall on Monday April 9th at 9:00am with Aurora’s Town Crier John Webster reading the proclamation. Refreshments will be served in the Leksand Room immediately following.

Special Olympics Ontario – Aurora Coordinator Janet Mitchell is overwhelmed with the progress that the Aurora organization has made in 10 short years. “Aurora has created fantastic opportunities for residents with an intellectual disability, and I’m looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish over the next decade”. Mitchell also notes that because the organization is 100% volunteer based, it would not function without the “hard work, dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by our local volunteers.”

In addition to Aurora’s 10th Anniversary, it is also the 50th anniversary of the of the Special Olympics movement. The Special Olympics brings community programs and competition opportunities to more than 4.5 million children, youth and adults with an intellectual disability across 170 countries worldwide. Locally, Special Olympics in Aurora has 7 sports specific programs for ages 8 and up, plus 2 non sport specific programs for younger athletes run through the Town of Aurora’s Parks and Recreation programs. The sports currently offered to individuals with an intellectual disability in Aurora include Golf, Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Rhythm Gymnastics, Softball and Bocce. Aurora Special Olympics is open to all local athletes regardless of age or physical/intellectual disability.

About the Special Olympics: Special Olympics is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to providing year-round sports training and competition opportunities for individuals with an intellectual disability. As part of the international Special Olympics movement, Special Olympics Ontario - Aurora is committed to providing valuable training and competitive opportunities in our local community.

For more information on the Special Olympics in Aurora please go to <http://aurora.specialolympicsontario.ca/>

