



## ~ PROCLAMATION ~

**WHEREAS** recreation benefits individuals, families, neighbourhoods and communities and the City of Elliot Lake provides high quality programs and leisure opportunities for residents to lead healthy, active lives through recreation and to make our community a great place to live, work and play;

**AND WHEREAS** there is an increasing interest in intentional youth development through recreation in Canada that is founded on a substantial and growing body of research to support the role of recreation in the positive development of youth. Canadian youth are often unrecognized for the valuable contributions they make to communities and Canada's social, economic and civic landscape. Meaningful youth engagement through recreation emphasizes access, equity and social justice and leads to positive youth development;

**AND WHEREAS** National Youth Week reminds us all of the valuable contributions that recreation and parks can make to youth development and that youth can make to community development. National Youth Week is endorsed by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and the network of agencies and individuals committed to the positive development of youth;

**NOW THEREFORE** in recognition of these benefits and values and to provide a focal point within the year for increasing awareness, I, Rick Hamilton by the authority vested in me by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake, I hereby proclaim the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> incl., 2010 as "National Youth Week" in the City of Elliot Lake.

Rick Hamilton  
Mayor