



Municipal Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week - October 4-10, 2026

Whereas, the Town of Englehart is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

Whereas, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

Whereas, most of the electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

Whereas, residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products; charge batteries safely; and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

Whereas, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

Whereas, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

Whereas, the 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities; and

Whereas, residents of Englehart are also encouraged to take personal steps to increase their safety by checking smoke alarms, practicing home escape plans, and learning fire prevention strategies;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Doug Metson, Mayor of the Town of Englehart, do hereby proclaim October 4 -10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Englehart and I urge all residents to check their smoke alarms, learn of the importance using, charging and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely during Fire Prevention Week 2026, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Englehart & Area Fire Department.

Doug Metson


Mayor, Town of Englehart