

Words matter when it comes to Pride: resident

Last weekend was #YorkPride and Aurora was
#AuroraProud.

Aurora is always proud and has many
reasons to be proud. When it comes to LGBTQ2 and celebrations, we should be
proud.

Just one thing, if we want to be proud
let's be accurate. The official word is PRIDE.

When I search #AuroraProud on social
media, I see posts of everything from sporting events, local farmers markets,
local political statements, pita sandwiches, to active participation
challenges.

I see posts from our friends in Aurora,
Colorado as well as our hometown. That makes us all proud and we should be.

When I search #AuroraPride, I see many
posts from Aurora, Colorado celebrating PRIDE but not so many from Aurora,
ON. This makes me not so proud.

Next year, Town of Aurora, let's get it
right, raise the PRIDE flag, celebrate PRIDE, and use #AuroraPride. For decades LGBTQ2 people have fought and
continue to fight for their rights in this country and around the world. For
decades we have celebrated PRIDE with rainbow flags, parades, demonstrations,
quilts, and the word PRIDE, and of this, I am fundamentally proud. Next year,
Town of Aurora, let's use #AuroraPride and leave the #AuroraProud for
everything else.

When it comes to my rights and the
celebration of them, words matter as much as deeds.

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