

**“NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK”**

- WHEREAS** *National AccessAbility Week is a time when accessibility and inclusion are promoted across communities and workplaces, and a time to celebrate the contributions of Canadians with disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS** *The City of Victoria is taking deliberate steps to make itself a more inclusive community. As part of these efforts, new policies, strategies, and programs are being developed to help nurture a connected and cohesive community that promotes well-being, belonging, resiliency, and vibrancy; and*
- WHEREAS** *Victoria has developed a comprehensive Accessibility Framework with set of goals, objectives, and directions that provide structure to support a high standard of accessibility across municipal services and programs, infrastructure, and projects; and*
- WHEREAS** *This week is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of local residents and service providers who are actively removing barriers and ensuring persons with disabilities have an equal chance to participate in all aspects of society; and*
- WHEREAS** *The increased social and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities has positive economic and social benefits for persons with disabilities, business, the economy and society in general; and*
- WHEREAS** *When persons with disabilities can access meaningful employment, resources and services, Canada’s economy and our local economy grows. Businesses have the chance to welcome more customers, service satisfaction improves and workplaces reflect our diversity; and*
- WHEREAS** *By bringing residents of Victoria together to recognize the valuable contributions of persons with disabilities, we are strengthening the collaborative effort needed to create a city, region, province and country that is fully accessible and inclusive.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as “**NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK**” on the **HOMELANDS** of the **Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this May 28<sup>th</sup>, Two Thousand and Twenty.

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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