

**“INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK”**

- WHEREAS** 2018 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VIDEA. We recognize that action from local organizations is an essential path towards social justice around the world; and
- WHEREAS** from February 4-10, we will commemorate Canadian partnerships between civil society organizations, community leaders and governments in their work to address the social, political, economic, and environmental inequalities around our world; and
- WHEREAS** Canadians significantly help improve quality of life in various communities through their involvement as international development stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters. The theme for this year’s International Development Week is “Partners for a Better World”, encouraging Canadians to join together in building a better, more peaceful world; and
- WHEREAS** International Development Week provides an opportunity for Canadians, to exercise their responsibilities as global citizens, and reflect on what we are doing to shape a better world; and
- WHEREAS** for this year’s International Development Week, VIDEA, alongside many university and community partners will be putting on a series of events throughout Victoria to give Canadians a chance to celebrate Canada’s international development achievements and challenges.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim February 4<sup>th</sup> to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as  
**“INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK”** on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
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## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of February 8, 2018

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** January 30, 2018  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Proclamation "International Development Week" February 4 to 10, 2018

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the *International Development Week Proclamation* be forwarded to the February 8, 2018 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *International Development Week Proclamation*. Council has recently established policy addressing Proclamation requests. The policy provides for:

- A staff report to Committee of the Whole.
- Each Proclamation request requiring a motion approved at Committee of the Whole prior to forwarding it to Council for their consideration.
- Staff providing Council with a list of Proclamations made in the previous year.
- Council voting on each Proclamation individually.
- Council's consideration of Proclamations is to fulfil a request rather than taking a position.

A list of the 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the new policy. Consistent with City Policy, Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "International Development Week"  
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations