

**“TIBET DAY ”**

**WHEREAS** *Tibetans throughout the world will gather on March 10, 2018 in their host countries, to commemorate this day as their National Day of Remembrance; and*

**WHEREAS** *we in the multicultural City of Victoria respect the importance of historic events in the many diverse communities which comprise our own city; and*

**WHEREAS** *the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama of Tibet, the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, is a significant contributor to the culture and religion of both our community and the greater world; and*

**WHEREAS** *His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama of Tibet offers these thoughts: "My message is the practice of compassion, love and kindness. Compassion can be put into practice if one recognizes the fact that every human being is a member of humanity and the human family, regardless of differences in religion, culture, color and creed. Deep down there is no difference."*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as “TIBET DAY”, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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

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## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of February 15, 2018

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**To:** Committee of the Whole  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Proclamation "Tibet Day" March 10, 2018

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**Date:** February 8, 2018

### RECOMMENDATION

That the *Tibet Day Proclamation* be forwarded to the February 22, 2018 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *Tibet Day Proclamation*. Council has 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 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates", written over a blue horizontal line.

Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Tibet Day"  
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations