

“WORLD WATER DAY”

WHEREAS *The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program 2017 Report estimates that 3 in 10 people worldwide, or 2.1 billion, lack access to safe, readily available water at home; and*

WHEREAS *according to the World Health Organization, every year in low- and middle-income countries, over half a million people die due to unsafe and insufficient drinking-water. The majority of them are children under five years of age; and*

WHEREAS *Canadians are encouraged to appreciate and conserve water, one of our country’s most vital natural resources, look for their local “Paint it Blue” landmarks, and engage on social media with the hashtags #PaintItBlue #WorldWaterDay to show their support for World Water Day and universal access for safe drinking water.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day March 22nd, 2018 as*
“WORLD WATER 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 8th day of March, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of March 1, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole

Date: February 9, 2018

From: Chris Coates, City Clerk

Subject: Proclamation "World Water Day" March 22, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That the *World Water Day Proclamation* be forwarded to the March 8, 2018 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *World Water Day 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Chris Coates
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "World Water Day"

Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations