



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of May 18, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** May 9, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Victims and Survivors of Crime Week" May 28 – June 3, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Victims and Survivors of Crime Week Proclamation be forwarded to the May 25, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Victims and Survivors of Crime 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 2016 and 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 "Victims and Survivors of Crime Week"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations

“VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK”

- WHEREAS** *when a crime occurs, it doesn't affect just one person, but their family members and the entire community; and*
- WHEREAS** *victims and survivors of crime and their families deserve support from the community; and*
- WHEREAS** *many victims service providers, police officers, and professionals working in the criminal justice system provide assistance to victims and survivors of crime and their families; and*
- WHEREAS** *victims and survivors of crime need to know that they have a voice in our criminal justice system and that there are laws in place to help them; and*
- WHEREAS** *Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, May 28 to June 3, 2017 offers an opportunity to raise awareness about victim issues, and about the services and laws in place to help victims, survivors and their families; and*
- WHEREAS** *the theme for Victims and Survivors of Crime Week – Empowering Resilience – will help to promote greater understanding of victim issues; and*
- WHEREAS** *an increased awareness of issues faced by victims and survivors of crime will encourage citizens to discuss the impact of crime; and*
- WHEREAS** *addressing victim and survivor issues requires the support and dedication of the whole community; and*
- WHEREAS** *the support of The City of Victoria will encourage a greater number of citizens to participate in Victims and Survivors of Crime Week.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim May 28th to June 3rd, 2017 as **“VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME 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 25th day of May, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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