

**“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2017”**

- WHEREAS** *the 2017 fire prevention theme for this period is “Every Second Counts - Plan 2 Ways Out!”; and*
- WHEREAS** *fire losses in Canada, despite marked improvement, remain unacceptably high in comparison with those of other industrialized nations thereby necessitating improved fire prevention measures; and*
- WHEREAS** *the needless loss of lives and property as a result of fire could be significantly reduced or eliminated by individual and community fire prevention programs; and*
- WHEREAS** *most fires are caused by human carelessness and are both predictable and preventable if individuals are knowledgeable about fire prevention and safety; and*
- WHEREAS** *the members of the Fire Service and other public agencies in combining their talents and efforts can ensure a successful fight against those conditions that cause fire; and*
- WHEREAS** *each citizen must earnestly desire to provide a fire-safe place in which to live and work by eliminating those fire hazards that cause the loss of life, property, employment and the resources by which we exist; and*
- WHEREAS** *the local efforts of the Fire Service are supported by the activities of organizations such as Fire Prevention Canada, the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners, the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, the Provincial Fire Chiefs Associations, and various associations of firefighters, fire instructors, and fire prevention officers.*

**NOW THEREFORE**, I do hereby proclaim the week of October 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as Fire Prevention 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**, and I call upon the citizens of Victoria to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school. I also call upon all public information agencies to actively participate in a coordinated effort to provide effective fire prevention programs, which will instill in the minds of each citizen, those fire safety practices which will reduce the loss of life and property damage caused by fire.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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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 September 21, 2017**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 12, 2017  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Proclamation "Fire Prevention Week 2017" October 8 to 14, 2017

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Fire Prevention Week 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the September 21, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.


**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Fire Prevention Week 2017 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,



Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Fire Prevention Week 2017"  
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations