

“OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH”

- WHEREAS** *occupational therapy is a regulated health profession concerned with promoting health and well-being through occupation; and*
- WHEREAS** *the BC Ministry of Health recognizes that the occupational therapy profession makes a vital contribution to health care in our society; and*
- WHEREAS** *the services of occupational therapy enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in the activities which give meaning and purpose to their lives by working to overcome obstacles that prevent involvement in life’s occupations; and*
- WHEREAS** *the health and well-being of many Canadians is dependent on access to occupational therapy services in community agencies, hospitals, chronic care facilities, rehabilitation centres and clinics, schools, social agencies, industry or private practice; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists – BC Chapter is the professional association for occupational therapists, providing members with practice supports, tools and advocacy on behalf of the profession; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and its affiliate provincial and territorial occupational therapy associations have declared the month of October to be known as Occupational Therapy Month in recognition of occupational therapists’ integral role in health care delivery;*
- NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017 as “**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH**” 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 21st day of September, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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

**Sponsored by:
Allison Patterson
Canadian Association of
Occupational Therapist - BC**



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of September 21, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 12, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Occupational Therapy Month" October, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Occupational Therapy Month 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the September 21, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Occupational Therapy Month 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,

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

Chris Coates
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Occupational Therapy Month"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations