

"GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS DAY"

WHEREAS *the HIV/AIDS pandemic has devastated sub-Saharan Africa, leaving over 15 million orphans in its wake; and*

WHEREAS *in the absence of other resources to care for these vulnerable children, grandmothers step in to provide loving care, housing, food, access to education and hope for the future; and*

WHEREAS *the Stephen Lewis Foundation recognizes the magnificent contribution of Africa's grandmothers through the community based organizations where they come together to support each other's work; and*

WHEREAS *the Stephen Lewis Foundation in 2006 initiated the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, a movement of solidarity between Canadian and African grandmothers, where Canadian grandmothers in over 240 groups work to raise funds for and awareness of the work of African grandmothers; and*

WHEREAS *thanks to the generosity of the greater Victoria community, Victoria Grandmothers for Africa have raised over \$1 million, part of the national total of over \$25 million, to send through the GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS CAMPAIGN of the Stephen Lewis Foundation to community based organizations in sub-Saharan Africa at the centre of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day of September 10, 2017 as "**GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS DAY**" on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 10th day of August, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

**Sponsored by:
Lisbie Rae
on behalf of
Victoria Grandmothers for Africa**



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of August 3, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** July 24, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Grandmothers to Grandmothers Day" September 10, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Day, September 10, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the August 10, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Grandmothers to Grandmothers 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 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Coates'.

Chris Coates
City Clerk

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