

“ PRIDE WEEK ”

WHEREAS *the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBT) community; their friends and the allies of are integral and important contributing members of Victoria; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the rights and freedoms of these and all Canadian citizens to love whom they choose and to establish for themselves a healthy vital family unit defined by that love; and*

WHEREAS *the citizens of the City of Victoria come together annually on “Pride Week” to celebrate the achievements of this freedom and to recognize those worldwide who have yet to establish these same rights.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 1st to Sunday, July 9th 2017 as “PRIDE 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 22rd day of June, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of June 22, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** June 19, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Pride Week" July 1 to July 9, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Pride Week Proclamation be forwarded to the June 22, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Pride 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 "Pride Week"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations