

“ORCA AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *British Columbia’s resident Killer Whales (orcas) are listed as endangered (southern resident population) and threatened (northern resident population) under the Species at Risk Act 2003; and*

WHEREAS *the existence of orcas in our waters brings much pleasure and interest to residents of, and visitors to, British Columbia; and*

WHEREAS *the survival of the distinct Southern Resident ecotype has intrinsic value; and*

WHEREAS *the Province of British Columbia supports the efforts to help this endangered population through improving public understanding of the species and its needs; and*

WHEREAS *various conservations groups in the Pacific Northwest come together in the month of June to focus on educating the public and taking action to enhance the survival of orcas.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017 as “ORCA AWARENESS 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 25th day of May, 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 May 18, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** May 9, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Orca Awareness Month" June, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Orca Awareness Month Proclamation be forwarded to the May 25, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Orca Awareness Month 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 "Orca Awareness Month"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations