

“ACCESS AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS *accessibility and inclusion are essential for ensuring that all community members have access to opportunities, and the ability to fully participate in community life; and*

WHEREAS *accessibility should be part of all aspects of community life – physical, social and economic including employment, transportation, recreation and housing; and*

WHEREAS *we all have a role to play in ensuring that our communities are accessible and inclusive as possible; and*

WHEREAS *the citizens of this community recognize the rights of all individuals with disabilities and the importance of ensuring that they have access to the opportunities that are important to them and that give their lives meaning.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day June 3rd, 2017 as “ACCESS AWARENESS DAY” 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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Lorraine Copas
Executive Director
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Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of May 25, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** May 18, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Access Awareness Day" June 3, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Access Awareness Day, June 3, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the May 25, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Access Awareness 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 black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Access Awareness Day"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations