

“HUNTINGTON AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *Huntington disease is a debilitating brain disorder that does not currently have a cure; and*

WHEREAS *one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk of developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD as a caregiver, family member or friend; and*

WHEREAS *HD causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death. It is likened to experiencing the symptoms of Alzheimers, Parkinsons, and Schizophrenia all in one disease; and*

WHEREAS *Huntington Awareness Month reflects the Huntington Society of Canada’s mission, which is to aspire to a world free from HD. The Society strives to: maximize the quality of life of people living with HD by delivering services; enable others to understand the disease; and further research to slow and to prevent HD; and*

WHEREAS *The Society works with health and social services professionals to enable them to better serve people living with HD; and*

WHEREAS *The Huntington Society of Canada (HSC) is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to end Huntington disease. HSC is the only Canadian health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with HD across Canada.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as “**HUNTINGTON 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 27th day of April, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

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Huntington Society of Canada**



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of April 20, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Date: April 10, 2017
Subject: Proclamation "Huntington Awareness Month" May, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the "Huntington Awareness Month" May, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the April 27, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Huntington Awareness Month Proclamation. Council has recently established new 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 "Huntington Awareness Month" May, 2017
Appendix B: List of Previously 2016 and 2017 Proclamations