

**“HIGHLAND GAMES WEEK”**

**WHEREAS** *the Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival is held in the City of Victoria; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Games and Festival will feature a series of colourful and exciting events honouring Canadians of Scottish and Celtic ancestry and recognizing the contributions they have made to our city and country; and*

**WHEREAS** *the 154<sup>th</sup> Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival will be held at Topaz Park, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017; and*

**WHEREAS** *Victoria is pleased and honoured to host these prestigious events celebrating Scottish and Celtic heritage and culture.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim May 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 as*  
***“HIGHLAND GAMES 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

**Sponsored by:**  
**Jim Maxwell**  
**President**  
**Victoria Highland Games Association**



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

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**To:** Committee of the Whole  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Date:** April 10, 2017  
**Subject:** Proclamation "Highland Games Week" May 16-22, 2017

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the "Highland Games Week" May 16-22, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the April 27, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Highland Games Week 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 "Highland Games Week" May 16-22, 2017  
Appendix B: List of Previously 2016 and 2017 Proclamations