

**“Speech and Hearing Awareness Month”**

- WHEREAS** *an estimated 1 in 10 residents of Greater Victoria are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing; and*
- WHEREAS** *Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre (IDHHC) is the only non-profit organization that serves the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, oral deaf, late deafened, and hard of hearing communities on Vancouver Island; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Mission of IDHHC is to provide leadership, innovative solutions and services through engaging and educating communities, strengthening families, and fighting isolation; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Canadian Hearing Society proclaims the month of May as “Speech and Hearing Month”, to promote awareness; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association national conference will be held in Sidney, B.C May 25-27,2017; and*
- WHEREAS** *IDHHC is collaborating with the South Vancouver Island Association of the Deaf, to jointly celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IDHHC service to communities in May.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim May 2017 as “**SPEECH and HEARING MONTH**” on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATION** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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

*Sponsored by*  
*Denise Robertson*  
*Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre*



## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of April 6, 2017

**To:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** March 20, 2017

**From:** Chris Coates

**Subject:** Proclamation "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month" May, 2017

### RECOMMENDATION

That the "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month" May, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the April 13, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Speech and Hearing 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,

Handwritten signature of Christine Havelka.

Christine Havelka  
Deputy City Clerk

Handwritten signature of Chris Coates.

Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Handwritten signature of Jocelyn Jenkyns.

Jocelyn Jenkyns  
Deputy City Manager

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Handwritten signature of the City Manager.

Date: March 30, 2017

Appendix A: Proclamation "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month" May, 2017

Appendix B: List of Previously 2016 and 2017 Proclamations