

**“EARTH DAY”**

**WHEREAS** *the youth of the world are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and*

**WHEREAS** *it is necessary for the citizens of our global community to develop green jobs and build an innovative and equitable green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and*

**WHEREAS** *expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations; and*

**WHEREAS** *it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and*

**WHEREAS** *it is more important than ever to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and*

**WHEREAS** *it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and*

**WHEREAS** *Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts; and*

**WHEREAS** *Earth Day is the beginning of a new year for environmental stewardship commitments, to implement sustainability efforts and commit to an Earth Day resolution(s).*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 as “EARTH 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

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## **Committee of the Whole Report**

### **For the Meeting of April 13, 2017**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Proclamation "Earth Day" April 22, 2017

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**Date:** April 3, 2017

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the "Earth Day" April 22, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the April 13, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Earth Day 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 "Earth Day" April 22, 2017  
Appendix B: List of Previously 2016 and 2017 Proclamations