

“NEIGHBOUR DAY”

WHEREAS *Neighbour Day is a day designated to residents opening their doors and getting to know their neighbours through a variety of social activities and engagements; and*

WHEREAS *research shows that we, as humans, thrive on connection and healthy relationships; and*

WHEREAS *a sense of belonging impacts both our mental health and physical well-being, and*

WHEREAS *the 2012 Vancouver Foundation survey reports 46% of people seldom see their neighbours; and*

WHEREAS *the 2014 Victoria Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey reports Victoria residents know an average of only four neighbours well enough to ask a favour of; and*

WHEREAS *as demonstrated through Neighbourhood Block Watch meetings, connected neighbours make safer neighbourhoods; and*

WHEREAS *May 7, 2017 has been designated as Neighbour Day to promote and create safe, welcoming neighbourhood communities by increasing inclusion and reducing isolation through neighbor to neighbor connections.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim May 7th, 2017 as “NEIGHBOUR 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 9th day of March, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

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Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of March 9, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Neighbour Day" May 7, 2017

Date: February 28, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the "*Neighbour Day*" May 7, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the March 9, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *Neighbour 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,

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:

Date:

Handwritten signature of the City Manager.
March 1, 2017

Appendix A: Proclamation "Neighbour Day"

Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations