

“ACCESS AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS *accessibility and inclusion is essential for ensuring that all community members have equity in opportunities, and the ability to fully participate in community life; and*

WHEREAS *accessibility affects all aspects of community life – physical, social and economic including employment, transportation, recreation, housing, and other opportunities; and*

WHEREAS *we all have a role to play in ensuring that our communities are accessible and inclusive as possible; and*

WHEREAS *the citizens of this community recognize the rights of all individuals with disabilities and the importance of ensuring that they have equal access to the opportunities that are important to them and that give their lives meaning.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day June 4th, 2016 as “ACCESS AWARENESS DAY” in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of June, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

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

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Lorraine Copas
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