## "BUY LOCAL WEEK"

WHEREAS	LOCO BC presents Buy Local Week to celebrate and bring awareness to the economic, social and environmental impact of supporting local businesses; and	
<i>WHEREAS</i>	bringing consumer awareness to the purchasing power of buying locally shifts consumer spending towards locally made goods and services; and	
WHEREAS	purchasing locally can improve sustainability by reducing the transportation of goods that can affect climate change; and	
WHEREAS	buying from local businesses keeps money and jobs in the community; and	
WHEREAS	buying locally gives our communities character, and creates unique good and services; and	
WHEREAS	bringing together locally owned business owners to discuss their challenges and share solutions creates community and a supportive network among business owners; and	
WHEREAS	such a network celebrates business owners working together to create socially responsible, environmentally sustainable businesses in Victoria; and	
WHEREAS	purchasing from businesses that strive to source locally produced goods and services with which to run their businesses further supports a thriving local economy; and	
WHEREAS	this week we honour the efforts of Victoria-based business owners in Victoria and the citizens who purchase from them.	
NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the week of November 30 <sup>th</sup> to December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 as "BUY LOCAL WEEK"		

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 26th day of November, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA Sponsored By: Katja Macura LOCO BC Buy Local Week 2015