

"DART COON CLUB DAY"

WHEREAS *People of Wuyi (Five Counties) ancestry from the Guandong Province of China have been settling in British Columbia, the Victoria area in particular, during the nineteenth century; and*

WHEREAS *the Dart Coon was formed in Victoria in 1915 and was subsequently renamed Dart Coon Club. There are sixteen branches located in sixteen different cities across Canada. As the headquarters is situated in Victoria, it is known as the Dart Coon Club of Canada; and*

WHEREAS *"Dart Coon" means 'reaching power' or 'attaining power'. The eventual goal and underlying principle of our founders was the attainment of ultimate democracy; and*

WHEREAS *the members of the Dart Coon Club are also considered to be the elite and core members of the Chinese Freemasons Organization, which pursues the same principles of Loyalty, Justice and Chivalry; and*

WHEREAS *during the last 100 years, the Club has followed the above principles vigorously, not only in mutual help among members, but in terms of engagement in the greater community in charity work, as well as in the promotion and support of multicultural values and initiatives of Canadians.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day of August 9, 2015 as "**DART COON CLUB 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 23rd day of July, Two Thousand and Fifteen.*

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

**Sponsored by:
Thomas Chan
President
Dart Coon Club of Canada**