



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF MOTION

From: Councillor Jacob Helliwell

Introduced: Council Meeting – February 3, 2020

Subject: Developing a Policy on Proclamation Requests

WHEREAS: The Township receives numerous requests to proclaim a day, a week and/or a month,

AND WHEREAS: It falls to Council to determine whether to support these requests, however, there is no policy guidance to assist in making these determinations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Council direct staff develop a draft policy on proclamations for Council's consideration and that the City of Victoria's proclamations policy be used as a possible model and template.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Township approved the following Proclamations:

- Access Awareness Day
- Adoption Awareness Month
- ALS awareness week and ALS flower day
- British Home Child Day
- Family Month
- Heritage Week
- International Day of Older Persons
- KidSport Week
- National Missing Children's Day
- Pride Week 2019
- Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness
- Rare Disease Day
- Waste Reduction Week

Under the City of Victoria's proclamation policy, proclamation requests still go to Council for approval but approved proclamations include a disclaimer statement indicating that "*Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.*"