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From: Kelsey Hendriksen
Sent: December 10, 2015 08:31
To: Kim Maddin
Subject: FW: Update, re: Request - Declare 'A Day For Our Common Future', December 11th 2015
Attachments: BC Proclaims 'A Day', Dec.'15.pdf

Good morning Kim,

This came into our general email inbox. Thanks,

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From: VI & Coast Conservation Society [mailto:viccs@shaw.ca]
Sent: December 9, 2015 8:02 PM
To: VI & Coast Conservation Society
Subject: Update, re: Request - Declare 'A Day For Our Common Future', December 11th 2015

To: Local and Regional Governments, British Columbia
 c.c.: BC Members of the Legislative Assembly

Re: 'A Day For Our Common Future', December 11th 2015

December 9, 2015

Dear Mayor & Council, and Regional Directors,

We approached all local governments in BC in early October, requesting consideration to proclaim December 11th 'A Day For Our Common Future'. We received many supportive and encouraging responses, from those who's policies would not permit a formal proclamation and from those who could. We are encouraged by the wish to see sustainable development put into practice, and pleased to recognize the two dozen communities that have signed onto the Proclamation in 2014/15, including the City of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia. And we thought that all involved with local and senior levels of government in BC might like to see the press release we circulated today*.

We will be continuing to seek proclamations and support in 2016, and invite your suggestions on how all local governments might recognize the day according to their policies and priorities ...and of course further the goals of sustainable development.

Sincerely yours,

Laurie Gourlay

President, VICCS

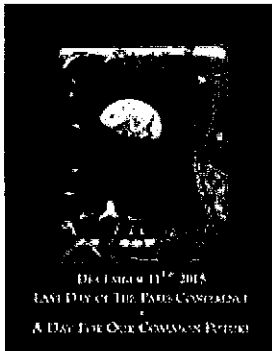
- attached: a copy of the Proclamation signed by the Province of British Columbia. Additional information can be found on our website, or by writing to us.

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Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 9, 2015

**The Province of British Columbia, Towns, Cities and Regions
Proclaim December 11th, 'A Day For Our Common Future'
...With Paris and Climate Change in Mind**



CEDAR – "The Province of British Columbia has again proclaimed December 11th as 'A Day For Our Common Future', states the sponsor of the Proclamation, Laurie Gourlay, President of the Vancouver Island and Coast Society. "And over the past two years we've seen two dozen BC towns, cities and regional districts similarly Proclaim this anniversary of the Brundtland Commission's report to the UN."*

December 11th also happens to be the last day of the UN COP21 Conference in Paris this year. The non-profit society believes the need for action on climate change, and the public's wish to find solutions which serve the environment and the economy, have underlined sustainability options which mitigate carbon emission problems.

"Every year we see an increasing interest, and recognition of the achievements for sustainable development which the World Commission on Environment and Development first advanced with publication of the book 'Our Common Future', said Gourlay.

This is the second year a senior level of government has Proclaimed the initiative, and the non-profit society is pleased with the many additional expressions of support and encouragement from Premiers and Provincial representatives, as well as local Councils. This is the first year that VICCS has reached out across the country.

"We see local governments and communities working hard to implement the pragmatic application of sustainable development," Gourlay notes, "with senior governments integrating policies and programs."

The Proclamation notes key goals and achievements which the Brundtland report helped to identify and to champion in its efforts to find a practical and principled balance between the environment and economy.

"December 11th offers a chance to consider, and to act for, Our Common Future", said Gourlay. "How we'll work together to find the solutions will be the defining legacy of our generation."

Copies of the Proclamation, background and a sampling of signatories, can be found on the VICCS website.

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*Proclaiming 'A Day For Our Common Future', 2014 - 15

BC's Local & Senior Government Support for December 11th

Province of British Columbia

City of Duncan	District of Highlands	City of Port Moody	City of Port Alberni	City of Richmond
District of Oak Bay	Town of Ladysmith	Town of Ucluelet	City of Vancouver	District of Mission
City of Vernon	City of Powell River	Town of Sidney	Village of Anmore	City of Penticton
City of Parksville	City of Nanaimo	City of Surrey	City of Burnaby	
District of Central Saanich	City of Campbell River	City of New Westminster	City of North Vancouver	

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City of Parksville	City of Nanaimo	City of Surrey	City of Burnaby	
District of Central Squamish	City of Campbell River	City of New Westminster	City of North Vancouver	
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District				

For more information:

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