



## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

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# **PROCLAMATION**

## **“Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month”**

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- WHEREAS** It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety; and
- WHEREAS** Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers; and
- WHEREAS** Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS** Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage; and
- WHEREAS** Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early; and
- WHEREAS** Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives
- THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

### **Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month**

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins  
Mayor