



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## PROCLAMATION

### “UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION”

2021 - 2030

- WHEREAS** The Township of Esquimalt is within the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples known today as Songhees and Esquimalt; and
- WHEREAS** The United Nations declared the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and calls upon everyone, from governments to multinational companies to school children, to help revive our damaged ecosystems through active stewardship and engagement; and
- WHEREAS** The Township of Esquimalt values the natural ecosystems and acknowledges the importance of environmental stewardship in the community; and
- WHEREAS** The launch of the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration will continue to build understanding about the importance of habitats, biodiversity, community connections to nature and opportunities for environmental caretaking so community members can contribute positive and meaningful action in Esquimalt; and
- WHEREAS** Biodiversity loss continues on a local, regional and global scale driven by habitat loss and degradation. The coming decade builds on accomplishments and momentum of global restoration efforts to date and will support future actions in the Township of Esquimalt; and
- WHEREAS** Ecological restoration is a fundamental and important action that the Township of Esquimalt and its residents take to help heal natural areas and systems so that they may be resilient to the impacts of climate change and contribute to nature-based solutions to climate change.

**THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim 2021 to 2030 as

#### UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins  
Mayor