



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## PROCLAMATION

### “FRANCOPHONIE DAY”

March 20, 2021

- WHEREAS** The Township of Esquimalt recognizes that Canada has two official languages; and
- WHEREAS** French-speaking persons have been contributing to the development of British Columbia since the 18<sup>th</sup> century; and
- WHEREAS** Esquimalt is home to a vibrant and dynamic French-speaking community and that hundreds of thousands of British Columbians have embraced the French language; and
- WHEREAS** The Francophone community of Esquimalt and British Columbia is proud of its heritage and its contributions to Esquimalt, the Province of British Columbia and to Canada; and
- WHEREAS** March 20<sup>th</sup> has been designated la Journée internationale de la Francophonie (International Day of the Francophonie) since 1988; and
- WHEREAS** Dedicating this day in Esquimalt will give all of our community’s French-speaking individuals an opportunity to celebrate and share their contributions to our society.
- THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2021 as

#### Francophonie Day

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins  
Mayor