



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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PROCLAMATION

“NATIONAL FOREST WEEK”

September 19 – 25, 2021

- WHEREAS** Spanning 57 millions hectares, British Columbia’s tree cover is the country’s largest and provides an indispensable source of ecological, cultural, health, social and economic benefits; and
- WHEREAS** Its forests are also located on the traditional territory of diverse Indigenous nations and provide nourishment and cultural value to these groups; and
- WHEREAS** Esquimalt’s urban forest plays a vital role for the town and its residents; and
- WHEREAS** Its forested green spaces offer valuable recreational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS** They act as centers for physical, mental, social and community well being; and
- WHEREAS** Its urban forest contributes essential ecological services for the town such as pollution reduction, stormwater retention, cooling and wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS** It acts as a vital tool of resilience and sustainability in the face of climate change; and
- WHEREAS** National Forest Week is an annual one-week campaign which recognizes its critical contribution to Canada and its people. This year, National Forest Week will be celebrated across the country by individuals and organizations with the theme of “Our Forests - Continually Giving” and will encourage Canadians to reflect on the role of forests and trees within their everyday lives.

THEREFORE, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim September 19 – 25, 2021 as

National Forest Week

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor