



P R O C L A M A T I O N

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**World Tuberculosis Day
March 24, 2023**

- WHEREAS** World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is recognized on March 24th each year as an official global public health campaign of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Stop TB Partnership; and
- WHEREAS** This provides an opportunity to enhance public awareness and education of TB and reduce stigma and fear associated with TB diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS** This formally acknowledges the courage and strength of those diagnosed with TB disease or TB infection, which by completing treatment, have protected others from TB; and
- WHEREAS** The WHO's TB Report 2022 showed TB mortality rates have increased for the second year in a row, and the TB incidence has also increased for the first time in more than a decade; and
- WHEREAS** There are vital areas to focus on, such as financial needs to scale up implementation and speed up research and development of new tools, (including a TB vaccine, access to rapid diagnosis and shorter and more efficient treatment regimens), TB prevention, and TB in children; and
- WHEREAS** The theme of World TB Day 2023 is "Yes! We can End TB". The theme recognizes that it is in our collective power to end TB by 2030 and reach the Sustainable Development Goals.
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim Friday, March 24th 2023 as

World Tuberculosis Day

In the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

