



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**Shawn Bayes Day  
May 12, 2023**

- WHEREAS** Shawn Maureen Bayes is a longtime New Westminster resident who has dedicated her nearly 40-year career to supporting vulnerable women and children in New Westminster, throughout BC, and across Canada.; and
- WHEREAS** Shawn Bayes led New Westminster-based Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver to create numerous innovative programs and services for deeply poor or criminalized women that serve as models in other jurisdictions.; and
- WHEREAS** Shawn Bayes' unwavering commitment to breaking down the barriers marginalized women face in accessing social supports led to provincial and federal policy changes that improved live.; and
- WHEREAS** Shawn Bayes identified children of incarcerated parents as an unsupported marginalized group in Canada and created the nation's first specialized programming to support them, with her work recognized by the international group charged with furthering the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.; and
- WHEREAS** Shawn Bayes will be retiring from her career of social service on May 12, 2023.; and
- WHEREAS** Shawn Bayes' service to this community and beyond has helped countless women and children build brighter futures.
- NOW  
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023 as

**Shawn Bayes Day**

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

  
Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

