



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## LITERACY MONTH September 2023

- WHEREAS** Literacy is the key to opportunity for Canadians to increase their life chances and be successful in today's modern world, as literacy is no longer simply the ability to read and write; and
- WHEREAS** Engaging children and youth in literacy programming ensures the best possible environment for getting a head start on literacy and lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS** Solid literacy skills are vital to our country's social and economic development; literacy offers all Canadians an opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the education, growth and prosperity of Canada; and
- WHEREAS** Many organizations across New Westminister, British Columbia, and Canada, including Literacy New Westminister, daily demonstrate – through the work in their community – their commitment to creating a culture of community based literacy and learning;
- THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminister, do hereby proclaim the Month of **September 2023**, as **Literacy Month** in the City of New Westminister, Province of British Columbia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Johnstone'.

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Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

