



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## Farhan Lalji Day Legendary Coach and Mentor

- WHEREAS** Legendary and Award-Winning High School Football Coach Farhan Lalji and TSN Sports Broadcaster, whose efforts in restoring the New Westminister Secondary Schools Football Program since 2002 resulted in countless young men going on to attend Colleges in Canada and the United States; and
- WHEREAS** Over 80 student athletes have graduated over the past 19 years to go on to better their lives. As Farhan once stated, “the most important lesson that a high School coach can take away from their time as what can only be deemed essential Volunteers, is the soul-deep understanding that their part in being able to impact kids for a lifetime will be both their greatest gift and their greatest reward”; and
- WHEREAS** Farhan Lalji created the “S.H.A.R.P.” program while coaching Hyacks football teams at New Westminister Secondary School from 2002-2021.S.H.A.R.P. attributes (Selfless, Hard Working, Accountable, Respectful and Passionate); and
- WHEREAS** In 2015 Farhan Lalji led the Jr Varsity program to their first ever Highschool Provincial Championship. In 2017 Farhan Lalji led his Varsity team to NWSS’s first ever Subway Bowl B.C Triple “A” Championship in dramatic fashion with a 2-point conversion that was successful on the last play of the game; and
- WHEREAS** Farhan spent 19 years as head Coach of the New Westminister Hyacks Football program, building it into one of the most respected and successful programs in the province of BC. He retired from coaching at the end of the 2019 season. Amassing a record of numerous wildcard, 10 Quarter final, 7 Semifinal and 2 Final appearances, 1 JR VARSITY Championship and 1 VARSITY Championship; and
- WHEREAS** His efforts and contributions to bring the community together and unite the players, coaches, parents, students and alumni, Farhan, was named the 2012 Citizen of The Year in New Westminister. In 2009 he was named the Scholastic Provincial Coach of The Year at the BC Lions Orange Helmet Awards ceremony and was the 2004 and 2021 runner-up for NFL Canada national Coach of The Year.
- NOW  
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminister do hereby proclaim henceforth, that NWSS Hyacks Homecoming Day be also named

**“Farhan Lalji Day”**

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

  
Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

