



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK (HAW) OCTOBER 7 - 14, 2023

- WHEREAS** Homelessness Action Week has been recognized in many municipalities in the Province of British Columbia for over a decade; and
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminster is committed to addressing local homelessness issues as reflected in the *Homelessness Action Strategy* for the City of New Westminster; and
- WHEREAS** The lasting impact of dual public health emergencies and the current affordability crisis has significantly affected those who are unhoused and has placed many in our community more at risk of homelessness than ever before. This has emphasized the need for more housing that meets a variety of needs, housing supports to keep people housed and a wide variety of interconnected support services; and
- WHEREAS** Homelessness Action Week provides an opportunity to:
- Build local community support for solutions to homelessness by raising public awareness, decreasing stigma and increasing understanding of homelessness.
 - Engage local organizations who support those who are homeless or at risk.
 - Support increased access to programs, services, and basic needs items; and,
 - Develop important social connections and a sense of belonging for everyone in the community.
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- NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim October 7 - 14, 2023 as

HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK (HAW)

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

