



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
June 15, 2024**

- WHEREAS** Older adults are leaders, mentors, employees, volunteers and valued members of our communities who deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and
- WHEREAS** Established by the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization in 2006, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day aims to promote a better understanding of the abuse and neglect of older adults; and
- WHEREAS** Abuse of older adults is an ever-increasing issue in our society that crosses all cultures and socio-economic boundaries; and
- WHEREAS** Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse; and
- WHEREAS** Preventing the abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like strengthening intergenerational connections, digital literacy & inclusion, transportation, affordable housing will allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our city; and
- WHEREAS** Preventing and addressing elder abuse is a shared responsibility and requires engagement and action on the part of all sectors of community; and
- WHEREAS** Our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a city; and
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminster is committed to our shared values of respect, dignity, diversity, independence and equity for older adults in all its policies, programs and services.
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim June 15, 2024 as

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

