



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 6 – 12, 2024

- WHEREAS** The theme for 2024's Fire Prevention Week is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You; and
- WHEREAS** Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS** Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and
- WHEREAS** Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS** Residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and
- WHEREAS** Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminster is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and
- WHEREAS** New Westminster Fire and Rescue Services is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS** We call upon the citizens of our City to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of New Westminster's Fire and Rescue Services. I also call upon all public information agencies to actively participate in providing effective fire prevention programs, to instill in the minds of each citizen, fire safety practices which will reduce the loss of life and property damage caused by fire.
- NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6 – 12, 2024 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

