



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

WORLD FOOD DAY

October 16, 2024

WHEREAS The City of New Westminster is committed to addressing community food security issues as expressed through its past commitment to implementing the first *New Westminster Community Food Security Action Plan* and the development of a new one in the *Homelessness Action Strategy*; its commitment to supporting our most vulnerable; its acknowledgment of the need to address poverty through the activation of the first *New Westminster Community Poverty Reduction Plan* and the planning for a second one; and, its commitment to the development of a *Comprehensive Food Strategy*, an action item of the *Environmental Strategy and Action Plan*.

WHEREAS The City of New Westminster recognizes, as expressed in the OCP, the need to take a multi-pronged approach to addressing community food security.

WHEREAS World Food Day, October 16, was established in 1981 and is celebrated in 150 countries around the world. Its aim is to spread awareness about world hunger, poverty, and to inspire change.

WHEREAS This year's World Food Day theme is the

Right to foods for a better life and a better future

'Foods' stands for diversity, nutrition, affordability, and safety. A greater diversity of nutritious foods should be available in our fields, in our markets, and on our tables, for the benefit of all.

It is a true reflection of our ***Everybody Needs to Eat*** branding connected to the community **Food Security Action Plan** and the City's commitment to community food security.

It also provides an opportunity to celebrate the numerous food programs and services in our community, and our neighbourhoods, that contribute to community food security.

NOW THEREFORE I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim October 16, 2024

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In the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

