



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


CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

WELCOMING WEEK September 12-21, 2025

- WHEREAS** Welcoming Week is a global initiative celebrated in communities across Canada, that recognize the people, places, and values that help everyone feel like they belong—no matter where they come from; and
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminster recognizes that its strength lies in its people—including the contributions of newcomers who bring fresh ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the City’s vibrant diversity; and
- WHEREAS** The Welcoming and Inclusive New Westminster (WINS) Local Immigration Partnership is a collaborative network of city, residents and organizations working together to build a more inclusive city, where newcomers can connect, feel seen and thrive,
- WHEREAS** The theme for Welcoming Week 2025, “Stories We Share,” encourages us to reflect on the journeys that connect us and make us understand one another and grow together in community; and
- WHEREAS** As part of this year’s Welcoming Week, we are honouring the stories of long-term immigrant residents and featuring Chinu Das - an immigrant, long-time New Westminster resident, former city councillor, and advocate, whose leadership and dedication reflect the spirit of inclusion and public service.
- NOW,
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim the week of September 12-21, 2025 as

Welcoming Week 2025

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


Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

