



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

LITERACY MONTH September 2025

- WHEREAS** Literacy is the key to opportunity for Canadians to increase their life chances and be successful in today's modern world, as literacy is no longer simply the ability to read and write; and
- WHEREAS** Engaging children and youth in literacy programming ensures the best possible environment for getting a head start on literacy and lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS** Solid literacy skills are vital to our country's social and economic development; literacy offers all Canadians an opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the education, growth and prosperity of Canada; and
- WHEREAS** Many organizations across New Westminster, British Columbia, and Canada, including Literacy New Westminster, daily demonstrate – through the work in their community – their commitment to creating a culture of community based literacy and learning;
- NOW, THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster, do hereby proclaim the Month of **September 2025**, as

Literacy Month

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

