



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

KIDSPORT POWERED BY SPORT BC WEEK
October 5 - 11, 2025

- WHEREAS** The KidSport™ program was launched in 1993 by Sport BC to address the financial challenges many families face when registering their children in organized sport. Since then, it has expanded to become a national entity with programs in 11 Provinces/Territories and over 160 community chapters across the country all with the same mission: So ALL Kids Can Play!; and
- WHEREAS** Since its inception, KidSport has funded a season of sport for 100,000 kids across British Columbia, totaling more than \$25 million in sport registration fees. Last year alone 10,695 kids in over 230 communities across BC were supported with more than \$3.6 million, which is the largest single-year funding distribution in the program's history; and
- WHEREAS** The New Westminster chapter was established in 2012 and funds grants for kids in need in the local community. Last year the chapter, which is completely volunteer run, distributed nearly \$55,000 to fund a season of sport for 163 kids to participate in soccer, school sports, hockey, taekwondo, baseball, basketball, football, cheerleading, lacrosse, volleyball, and more; and
- WHEREAS** As a nonprofit organization with charitable status, KidSport relies on donor support to sustain the granting program and are grateful for the incredible passion of the volunteer network and the generous support from donors and partners, who share the belief in the power of sport; and
- WHEREAS** Sport participation provides benefits extending beyond improving physical health to enhancing academic performance, fostering a sense of belonging, developing leadership abilities, building confidence and unleashing potential.
- NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim October 5 - 11, 2025 as

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

