



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK (HAW)  
October 11 - 18, 2025**

- WHEREAS** Homelessness Action Week has been recognized in many municipalities in the Province of British Columbia for over a decade;
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminster is committed to addressing local issues related to homelessness, as reflected in the *Homelessness Action Strategy* for the City of New Westminster and the new Three Crises Response Pilot Project;
- WHEREAS** The mental health, toxic drug, and housing crises have significantly affected those who are unhoused and have placed many in our community at greater risk of homelessness than ever before. This has emphasized the need for more housing that meets a variety of needs, housing supports to keep people housed, and a wide variety of interconnected support services to address the complex needs of the unhoused population in New Westminster;
- WHEREAS** Homelessness Action Week provides an opportunity to:
- Raise public awareness and understanding of the causes of homelessness and the needs of the unhoused population, while challenging stigma toward the unhoused.
  - Recognize that addressing the needs of the unhoused population will benefit all community members and businesses in the city.
  - Engage local organizations in planning and developing strategies to address homelessness.
  - Advocate for policy and resource changes across all levels of government to address needs and gaps related to homelessness, particularly in the area of shelter and housing, and enhance access to programs, services, and supports.
  - Facilitate important social connections and a sense of belonging for those who are unhoused in the city.
- NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim October 11 - 18, 2025 as

**HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK**

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

  
Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

