



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 24 – 30, 2022

- WHEREAS** National Volunteer Week is celebrated across Canada to recognize the empathy and generosity of its 24 million volunteers who contribute close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and
- WHEREAS** Volunteers in New Westminster are individuals, families, workers, retirees, and community members of all ages and backgrounds who mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, enhance our public realm, advise Council on its work, and promote sustainable living to preserve our environment. They bring innovative strategies, creative ideas, and a deep sense of empathy to their work, enabling our community to grow and thrive; and
- WHEREAS** New Westminster's volunteers have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate emergency to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers; and have stood up to systemic racism and shared insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and
- WHEREAS** The collective result of work done by our city's volunteers is that New Westminster is a vibrant, compassionate, sustainable City that includes everyone and is a better and brighter place to live; and
- WHEREAS** During National Volunteer Week, the City of New Westminster joins other service organizations, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and communities across the nation to give thanks to all volunteers: ordinary people who give their time, talents, creativity, skills, leadership, and passion to accomplish remarkable things. Volunteers connect people, energize and unite communities, and bring hope and inspiration for a better future.
- WHEREAS** We encourage citizens of all ages and abilities to follow the example of our neighbours, friends, and family to volunteer, as by volunteering, we become more compassionate citizens, and more connected to our neighbourhoods, our community, and each other.
- NOW THEREFORE** I, Jonathan Cote, Mayor of New Westminster, do hereby proclaim April 24 to 30, 2022 as **National Volunteer Week**, in the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

Jonathan X. Cote
MAYOR

