



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**  
**June 15, 2022**

- WHEREAS** Older adults are leaders, mentors, employees, volunteers and valued members of our communities who deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and
- WHEREAS** Established by the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization in 2006, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day aims to promote a better understanding of the abuse and neglect of older adults; and
- WHEREAS** Abuse of older adults is an ever-increasing issue in our society that crosses all cultures and socio-economic boundaries; and
- WHEREAS** Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse; and
- WHEREAS** Preventing the abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like seniors centres, in-home services, transportation, affordable housing will allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our city; and
- WHEREAS** Preventing and addressing elder abuse is a shared responsibility and requires engagement and action on the part of all sectors of society; and
- WHEREAS** Our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a city; and
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminster is committed to our shared values of respect, dignity, diversity, independence and equity for older adults in all its policies, programs and services.
- NOW** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim  
**THEREFORE** June 15, 2022 as

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

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

Jonathan Coté  
MAYOR

