

## PROCLAMATION

## RECREATION & PARKS MONTH June 2021

WHEREAS: in British Columbia we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks

systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors

from around the world; and

WHEREAS: recreation enhances quality of life, active living and lifelong learning, helps people

live happier and longer, develops skills and positive self-image in children and

youth, develops creativity and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

WHEREAS: recreation participation builds family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer

and community development, enhances social interaction, creates community pride and vitality, and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS: recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the

rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or

who have demonstrated antisocial behaviour; and

WHEREAS: the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and services reduce

healthcare and social service costs, serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism

and curb employee absenteeism; and

WHEREAS: our parks, open space and trails ensure ecological sustainability, provide space to

enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal

wildlife; and

WHEREAS: all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the

Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and

parks programs, services and facilities.

NOW THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim June 2021

as:

**RECREATION & PARKS MONTH** 

in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Leonard Krog M A Y O R

Dated this 1st day of June 2021

