

From the Office of the Mayor

## - PROCLAMATION-

- WHEREAS Campbell River is committed to everyone's right to live in conditions of dignity, respect, and peace and recognizes the diversity that strengthens our city, including the LGBTQ2S+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit) intersex, gender diverse and gender non-binary community, which adds an important quality to the rich fabric of our society;
- AND WHEREAS Pride Day is a time to honour and respect the strength and contributions of LGBTQ2S+ communities, to reflect on progress made and focus on the work that remains to ensure equality and justice for all;
- AND WHEREAS As COVID 19 restrictions necessitate postponement of in-person celebrations on Saturday, June 20, 2020, we recognize that Pride celebrations are occurring virtually throughout the world;
- AND WHEREAS the BC Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no discrimination shall be made on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;
- **AND WHEREAS** the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights;
- AND WHEREAS to increase awareness of LGBTQ2S+ issues and to further the inclusion, protection and celebration of LGBTQ2S+ persons and rights in society, our City pledges our commitment to create safer, more inclusive spaces for all our citizens.
- NOW THEREFORE I, Andy Adams, Mayor of the City of Campbell River do hereby proclaim June 20, 2020 to be observed as:

## "CAMPBELL RIVER LGBTQ2S+ PRIDE DAY"

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia,

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

Andy Adams MAYOR