



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

ACTION ON GLOBAL WARMING

- WHEREAS** *Global action on global warming is vital for the health of our environment, our communities and our future; and*
- WHEREAS** *Taking action on global warming must include investing in public transit and infrastructure to support cycling and walking for transportation and building healthy, pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods; and*
- WHEREAS** *Taking action on global warming will also open up tremendous job and business opportunities for Canadian municipalities in the emerging clean-energy economy; and*
- WHEREAS** *local governments are already dealing with the costs and impacts of climate change, including accelerating deterioration of our roads and other infrastructure, and pressure on our underground utilities; and*
- WHEREAS** *Canada is at a crossroads, and we need to act now and move forward with solutions to global warming, or risk falling behind other countries that are already re-tooling their economies and creating new jobs; and*
- WHEREAS** *Canadians are currently among the top 10 worst global warming polluters on the planet, but municipalities like ours are ready to work together with all levels of government to take responsible action and make Canada a climate action leader; and*
- WHEREAS** *An international climate agreement that is ambitious, fair and binding will help ensure that Canadian communities and citizens are ready to meet the challenge of global warming and build a prosperous future, and*
- WHEREAS** *Canada will be at the UN Climate Summit in December with other global leaders and has the opportunity to deliver an ambitious, fair and binding international agreement.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim: *That the City of Victoria supports an ambitious fair and binding international climate agreement at the UN Climate Summit in December that aims to reduce GHG emissions to meet targets supported by science, and I am sending a copy of this declaration to the Prime Minister of Canada, and calling on him to seize the moment and ensure that Canada shows leadership at the UN Climate Summit in December and helps to deliver an ambitious, fair and binding international climate agreement.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 10th day of December, Two Thousand and Nine.

DEAN FORTIN
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

