

# 2013 Council Proclamations



**NORTH VANCOUVER  
DISTRICT**



## PROCLAMATION

**“Rotary Day”  
(February 23, 2013)**

- WHEREAS:** Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** The first Rotary club was established in British Columbia 100 years ago in 2013; and
- WHEREAS:** The Rotary Motto “Service Above Self” inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and promote good will and peace in the world; and
- WHEREAS:** Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and
- WHEREAS:** There are over 140 Rotary Club members in four clubs on the North Shore, sponsoring service projects such as Youth SAFE House, Youth Week, SAGE House, Klahanie House, scholarships, Canada Day, and many other worthwhile causes.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the February 23, 2011 as **“Rotary Day”** in the District of North Vancouver.

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Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013



## PROCLAMATION

**“HERITAGE WEEK”  
(February 18- 24, 2013)**

- WHEREAS:** British Columbians value and wish to conserve their rich and diverse heritage resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Heritage Week begins on national Heritage Day, the third Monday of February; and
- WHEREAS:** The theme for Heritage Week 2013 is “Good Neighbours: Heritage Homes and Neighbourhoods”; and
- WHEREAS:** Communities throughout BC mark Heritage Week to celebrate their unique history and heritage.
- NOW THEREFORE, I** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the week of February 18 to 24, 2013 as “HERITAGE WEEK” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Toastmasters International Month” (February 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization, is a leader in making effective oral communications a national and international reality for all persons; and
- WHEREAS:** The first Toastmasters Club was formed in 1924 in California and, today, after more than eighty-five years of outstanding achievement, Toastmasters International has grown to over 250,000 members in 12,500 clubs in 106 countries; and
- WHEREAS:** The first Toastmasters Club outside the United States was chartered in 1935 in Victoria, British Columbia, and today, after more than seventy-five years, Toastmasters in British Columbia has grown to serve more than 4,500 members in 250 clubs; and
- WHEREAS:** By helping people develop essential communication skills, Toastmasters International and its member Toastmaster Clubs perform a valuable service to its members and the community.
- NOW THEREFORE, I** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013 as “TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MONTH” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “FREEDOM TO READ WEEK”

(February 24 – March 2, 2013)

**WHEREAS:** The freedom to read is essential in a democratic society. The freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression is guaranteed to everyone in our country by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is the responsibility of concerned individuals and organizations to ensure our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms are preserved and maintained;

**WHEREAS:** The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Freedom to Read Week is sponsored by the Canadian Book and Periodical Council with the support of the public libraries, schools and bookstores across Canada in order to increase public awareness of the right to intellectual freedom;

**NOW THEREFORE, I** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim February 24 – March 2, 2013 as “**FREEDOM TO READ WEEK**” in the District of North Vancouver, and in so doing urge every citizen to recognize and defend the right to free expression.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013

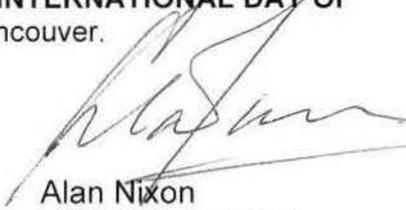


## PROCLAMATION

### “International Day of Norouz”

March 20, 2013

- WHEREAS:** North Vancouver is a community of respectful individuals who have contributed to the evolution of a society which effectively portrays economic, ethnic, and lifestyle diversity; and
- WHEREAS:** All Canadians gain by the diversity that is now part of the fabric of British Columbia and that such independence adds to the substance of interactions between individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** “Norouz” means “New Day” in Persian and coincides with the first day of spring and the vernal equinox and is celebrated by many communities throughout the North Shore as the start of the New Year; and
- WHEREAS:** The International Day of Norouz is celebrated by the Persian, Kurd, Azeri, Baluch, Tadjik, Afghan and Turk communities among others; and
- WHEREAS:** “Norouz” is a manifestation of dialogue among cultures, affirming a life in harmony with nature, as well as an awareness of the natural cycles of life.
- NOW THEREFORE, I** Alan Nixon, Acting Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2013 as “**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NOROUZ**” in the District of North Vancouver.

  
Alan Nixon  
ACTING MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week” April 21 - 27, 2013

- WHEREAS:** There are currently 432 people in BC waiting for an organ transplant, and more than 5,000 British Columbians that have already received the gift of life through organ donation since 1968; and
- WHEREAS:** There is an increasing need to raise awareness of the shortage of organ donors, and to acknowledge the families that demonstrate their compassion by sharing the precious gift of life with others; and
- WHEREAS:** There are volunteer groups within our community, like the BC region of the Canadian Transplant Association, that are dedicated to the support of pre and post-transplant patients, and to informing the public of the need for organ and tissue donations.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim April 21 – 27, 2013 as “Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week” in the District of North Vancouver.

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Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013



## PROCLAMATION

**“Youth Week”  
(May 1 - 7, 2013)**

- WHEREAS:** Youth in the District of North Vancouver are valued citizens in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Through their energy, involvement and enthusiasm youth are a resource contributing to the well being of community; and
- WHEREAS:** The promotion of youth activities sponsored by all segments of the community will encourage a greater understanding and acceptance of youth; and
- WHEREAS:** Celebration of youth in the District of North Vancouver, other Lower Mainland municipalities and across Canada during Youth Week will encourage youth participation in positive activities and strengthen the community;
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 1 – 7, 2013** as Youth Week in the District of North Vancouver

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Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013



## PROCLAMATION

**“Child Care Month”  
May 2013**

- WHEREAS:** We promote quality, affordable, accessible child care services for the resident of the District of North Vancouver; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize that child care is a shared responsibility; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize that child care is a comprehensive service to children and families that supplements the care children receive from their families.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the month of May as “Child Care Month” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “MS Awareness Month” (May 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 55,000 – 75,000 Canadians and more than 8,000 British Columbians; and
- WHEREAS:** Multiple Sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has provided more than \$100 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that has made this possible; and
- WHEREAS:** BC will continue to lead the way in Multiple Sclerosis research, through one of the world’s most renowned Multiple Sclerosis research facilities at the University of British Columbia; and
- WHEREAS:** Together we will find ways to enhance the quality of lives for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis and to find a cure to end MS.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the month of May as “**MS Awareness Month**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013



## PROCLAMATION

“Tap Dance Day”

May 25, 2013

- WHEREAS:** The art of Tap Dance is enjoyed by millions worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** the art of Tap Dance is part of the cultural heritage of people across the globe; and
- WHEREAS:** the art of Tap Dance has proven beneficial in the health and personal development of thousands of Canadians; and
- WHEREAS:** communities across North American will be celebrating the joy of this unique art form on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2013 as “Tap Dance Day” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “National Missing Children’s Day” (May 25, 2013)

**WHEREAS:** Child Find British Columbia, a Provincial member of Child Find Canada is a non-profit, registered charitable organization, incorporated in 1984; and

**WHEREAS:** The mandate of Child Find British Columbia is to educate children and adults about abduction prevention; to promote awareness of the problem of missing children, and to assist in the location of missing children; and

**WHEREAS:** Child find has recognized Green as the colour of Hope, which symbolizes a light in the darkness for all missing children; and

**WHEREAS:** Child Find’s annual Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign will be held in the month of May and May 25<sup>th</sup> is National Missing Children’s Day.

**NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **May 25, 2013** as “**National Missing Children’s Day**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
Mayor

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “National Health and Fitness Day”

June 1, 2013

- WHEREAS:** Canada by nature offers abundant recreational and fitness opportunities through such things as our mountains, oceans, lakes, forests, parks and wilderness; and
- WHEREAS:** we as Canadians could therefore be the healthiest and fittest people on earth; and
- WHEREAS:** Canadian recognize the growing concerns over chronic disease and other impediments to health and fitness; and
- WHEREAS:** health and fitness ought to be promoted for Canadians of all ages and abilities.
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2013 as “National Health and Fitness Day” in the District of North Vancouver.

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Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Access Awareness Day” (June 1, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Accessibility and inclusion is essential for ensuring that all community members have equity in opportunities, and the ability to fully participate in community life; and
- WHEREAS:** Accessibility affects all aspects of community life – physical, social and economic including employment, transportation, recreation, housing, and other opportunities; and
- WHEREAS:** We all have a role to play in ensuring that our communities are as accessible and inclusive as possible.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Mike Little, Acting Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim that June 1, 2013 shall be known as “**Access Awareness Day**” in the District of North Vancouver.



Mike Little  
ACTING MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013



## PROCLAMATION

**“Day of the Honey Bee”  
May 29, 2013**

- WHEREAS:** A third of all the food Mankind consumes exists because of the tireless work of the Honey Bee; and
- WHEREAS:** Seventy percent of our food crops are pollinated and partially if not completely dependent upon the Honey Bee; and
- WHEREAS:** Honey Bees are disappearing at alarming and unsustainable rates all over the world for reasons not fully explained by science; and
- WHEREAS:** The public needs to be made aware of the dire threats to the Honey Bee, for their survival is surely linked with our own.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2013 as the **“Day of the Honey Bee”** in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
this 27th Day of May 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “North Shore Keep Well Society Week” (September 16 – 20, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Since 1987, the North Shore Keep Well Society has been instrumental in keeping seniors out of hospitals and living healthier and independent lives longer; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, more than 500 seniors aged 60 – 97 attend weekly Keep Well classes at seven sites, from Deep Cove to Gleneagles to exercise in order to increase strength, balance and stamina, have blood pressure checks, hand and foot massage, health and nutrition information, social interaction; and
- WHEREAS:** Many seniors are still at risk of isolation and could benefit greatly from the North Shore Keep Well Society as it is widely acknowledged that physical and mental fitness contribute significantly to continuing good health and that people who have friends and support in the community stay healthier and live longer.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **September 16 – 20, 2013** as “**North Shore Keep Well Society Week**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Silver Harbour Seniors’ Activity Centre Day” (September 22, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Silver Harbour Seniors’ Activity Centre officially opened on September 22, 1973; and
- WHEREAS:** Silver Harbour is the largest seniors’ activity centre in North Vancouver offering more than 70 different programs and services to keep seniors active, mentally fit and socially engaged; and
- WHEREAS:** The population of adults 55 plus in North Vancouver exceeds 37,695 and is growing; and
- WHEREAS:** Silver Harbour has been inspiring and enhancing the physical and mental well-being of adults of 55 plus for forty years.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim that September 22, 2013 shall be known as “**Silver Harbour Seniors’ Activity Centre Day**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “North Shore Culture Days” (September 27, 28 & 29, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Arts and cultural activity contributes to the well-being, health and personal development of the residents of the District of North Vancouver; and
- WHEREAS:** North Shore Culture Days is part of the national Culture Days celebrations, a collaborative coast-to-coast-to-coast volunteer movement that provides Canadians with the opportunity to participate in, and appreciate all forms of arts and culture; and
- WHEREAS:** North Shore Culture Days is a 3-day celebration where artists, arts and cultural organizations and creative groups offer a wide range of free, interactive and behind-the-scenes activities, inviting the public to discover the cultural gems that exist in their own backyard; and
- WHEREAS:** North Shore Culture Days celebrations will raise the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of District of North Vancouver residents in the arts and cultural life of their communities.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **September 27, 28 & 29, 2013** as “**North Shore Culture Days**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 23<sup>RD</sup> Day of September 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Homelessness Action Week” (October 13 – 19, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Everyday in our municipality there are men, women, youth, and children who do not have a place to call home; and
- WHEREAS:** Community action and participation are essential in addressing and eliminating issues and circumstances that contribute to homelessness; and
- WHEREAS:** During this week, activities and events will be offered and the community will be encouraged to participate and learn about the many issues related to homelessness, about the community agencies that offer services and support ‘that work’ for persons who are homeless, and about what each of us as citizens can do to creatively and collectively address homelessness in our communities.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **October 13 – 19, 2013** as “**Homelessness Action Week**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “National Waste Reduction Week” (October 21 – 27, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** As a municipality, we are committed to conserving resources, protecting the environment and educating the community; and
- WHEREAS:** the theme of Waste Reduction Week, “Too Good to Waste”, draws attention to the richness and diversity of the natural world and the importance of working towards ecological sustainability through waste avoidance and resource conservation; and
- WHEREAS:** each year the Recycling Council of British Columbia organizes BC’s involvement in observing this important week.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **October 21 – 27, 2013** as “**National Waste Reduction Week**” in the District of North Vancouver.

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Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day” (November 6, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** community social service workers are vital to the quality of life within all Canadian communities; and
- WHEREAS:** community social service workers provide crucial services to families and children; people with disabilities; those in respite care; people and families dealing with substance abuse; women and their children in transition houses or sexual assault centres; Aboriginal Peoples; as well as new Canadians; and
- WHEREAS:** the quality of these services depends largely on the dedication of skilled workers who provide these services; and
- WHEREAS:** the availability of these services helps improve the quality of life for everyone and makes our communities stronger and more stable; and
- WHEREAS:** greater recognition and understanding of the critical role these workers play in our communities is needed to ensure the continued availability and improvement of services.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2013 as “Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day” in the District of North Vancouver.

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Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013



## PROCLAMATION

**“Veterans’ Week”  
(November 5 - 11, 2013)**

**WHEREAS:** Canada has grown into a vibrant country, a nation shaped by its people, their courage and commitment to protecting and defending human rights, whenever and wherever they are threatened; and

**WHEREAS:** it is an honour to express our appreciation to veterans for their past loyalty, dedication and sacrifice as members of the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS:** every year Canadian men and women leave their homes and families to join the current effort to restore liberty and bring peace to the world; and

**WHEREAS:** Canadian sacrifice and valour will be remembered forever as a rich legacy of peace and freedom;

**NOW THEREFORE I,** in recognition of Armed Forces members’ selfless courage, I, Richard Walton, Mayor of The District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim November 5 - 11, 2013 as “Veterans’ Week” in the District of North Vancouver. I encourage all citizens to proudly wear a Remembrance Day poppy and observe the two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “YMCA World Peace Week” (November 16 – 23, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** the responsibility for peace begins with each person; and
- WHEREAS:** the responsibility extends to our relationship with family and friends; community and national activities; and
- WHEREAS:** for 127 years the YMCA of Greater Vancouver has worked for peace internationally, at home and within its diverse communities; and
- WHEREAS:** YMCA's around the world will join to commemorate YMCA World Peace Week together from November 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16 to 23, 2013 as “YMCA World Peace Week” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013



## PROCLAMATION

### “Ugly Christmas Sweater Day” (December 20, 2013)

- WHEREAS:** Each December, North Vancouverites are encouraged to wear Ugly Christmas Sweaters and spread Christmas cheer in the community by connecting, giving, reconnecting and being kind; and
- WHEREAS:** While wearing their Ugly Christmas Sweaters, Canadians are encouraged to give to those less fortunate and make an effort to do a little more for those that need a lot; and
- WHEREAS:** While wearing their Ugly Christmas Sweaters, Canadians are encouraged to connect with those that matter to them, including family, friends and colleagues; and
- WHEREAS:** The founders of the 12th Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party host an annual event on the third Friday in December at the Commodore Ballroom and proceeds support charity;
- NOW THEREFORE I,** Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **December 20, 2013** as “**Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**” in the District of North Vancouver.

Richard Walton  
MAYOR

Dated at North Vancouver, BC  
This 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2013