

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

## ***Sno'uyutth Day***

**November 22, 2021**

**Whereas**, on November 22, 2015, in a public ceremony held on the grounds of the new Oak Bay High School, the Sno'uyutth Welcome Pole was dedicated to mark the commitment to a revitalized and collaborative relationship among Oak Bay community residents, the District of Oak Bay, the Greater Victoria School District #61, and the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, whose traditional territory includes Oak Bay; and

**Whereas**, the Sno'uyutth Welcome Pole provides an important recognition of the history, culture, and traditions of the Songhees and Esquimalt people and promotes understanding between our communities; and

**Whereas** the Sno'uyutth pole is an enduring symbol of the collaboration possible between our communities; and

**Whereas** Sno'uyutth, in the Lekwungen language means the “spreading of good energy” which, being mindful of our past, present and shared future, we strive to practice in our daily lives in Oak Bay; and

**Whereas**, the Sno'uyutth Welcome Pole inspires the people and District of Oak Bay to work in a good way to advance Truth and Reconciliation with the Lekwungen peoples as a priority in our community;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2021 to be “*Sno'uyutth Day*” in Oak Bay.



Kevin Murdoch, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay