



September 7, 2022

Mayor Karen Elliott and Council
District of Squamish
37955 Second Ave. P.O. Box 310
Squamish, B.C.
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Dear Mayor Karen and City Council,

We are writing to request our City Council proclaim **October 2022 as Community Inclusion Month** in the **District of Squamish**.

Each October, British Columbians across the province celebrate Community Inclusion Month. This is a time to recognize the contributions and potential of people with developmental disabilities. It is also a time to recognize the families, friends, caregivers, volunteers, community groups and employers who make our province stronger by ensuring people who live with diverse abilities can fully participate in our communities.

This will be the 24th year that communities across B.C. hold events to help build awareness about inclusion and to honour individuals and families for their achievements in building more welcoming and accessible communities.

Please find attached with this letter suggested wording for the proclamation. Thank you for considering this request to proclaim **Community Inclusion Month 2022** in your community. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Please note that we plan to invite self advocates to witness the proclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Alex Evanshen

North Shore Sunshine Coast Community Council
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clarence Li".

Clarence Li

North Shore Sunshine Coast Community Council
Vice Chair

PROCLAMATION

Community Inclusion Month

October 2022

WHEREAS every October, British Columbians across the province recognize and celebrate the contributions and potential of people with developmental disabilities during Community Inclusion Month, and

WHEREAS Canada ratified the United Nations' historic Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010, and

WHEREAS the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community enables all people to contribute their gifts, talents, and abilities, and to secure their rightful place at home, at school, at work, and in the community, and

WHEREAS a thriving community requires the inclusion and participation of all its members, and

WHEREAS the participation of persons with diverse abilities as valued members of the work force benefits community as a whole and reflects the provisions of the Convention, and

WHEREAS Community Living BC, a provincial Crown corporation, will be celebrating Community Inclusion Month to raise public awareness about inclusion and support people with diverse abilities to participate fully in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Karen Elliott, do hereby declare October 2022 as "Community Inclusion Month" in the District of Squamish.

Mayor Karen Elliott
District of Squamish