

# Proclamation

A Day for Our  
Common Future  
December 11, 2017

- WHEREAS** our long-term economic, social, ecological and cultural goals form the four pillars of sustainable development;
- WHEREAS** the UN General Assembly formally adopted the tenets of sustainable development on December 11th 1987 when Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland presented the report, 'Our Common Future', on behalf of the World Commission on Environment and Development;
- WHEREAS** sustainable development is defined as, "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,";
- WHEREAS** all Nations and Peoples are critical in fostering Our Common Future;
- WHEREAS** recent reports warn that adverse effects of climate change are likely to undermine sustainable, and all development efforts and goals – recommending increased support for adaptation, mitigation, inclusive green growth and climate-smart development;
- WHEREAS** communities are most able to meet their needs by practicing sustainable development which incorporates a resilient resource base with a secure, long-term food and water supply;
- WHEREAS** efforts to protect our lands and waters include measures for conservation, biodiversity, habitat and watershed protection that integrate renewable resource, climate-adaptive and sustainable development initiatives;
- WHEREAS** a healthy approach to sustainable development will find ways to bring a balanced growth that meets economic, social, environmental and cultural goals for everyone's benefit;
- WHEREAS** residents, businesses, governments and communities have opportunity to implement recommendations that balance our society's needs, and nature's needs, while furthering global goals for sustainable development.

**THEREFORE**, as Chair of the Board of Directors, I do hereby proclaim December 11, 2017 as A Day for Our Common Future within the Comox Valley Regional District.

**Bruce Jolliffe, Chair**

**Dated this 31st day of October, 2017**

