



**WHEREAS** the Canadian Garden Council has proclaimed 2022 as the Year of the Garden, to recognize the fact that over 83 per cent of Canadian households turned to some sort of gardening as a healthy diversion to the COVID-19 pandemic and to recognize the 100 year anniversary of the Canadian Nursey Landscape Association; AND

**WHEREAS** the Comox Valley Horticultural Society and the North Island Rhododendron Society are committed to celebrating the contribution of gardens and gardening for the development of our communities and the lives of Canadians; AND

**WHEREAS** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life in our communities, our climate, ecosystems and habitats, and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation; AND

**WHEREAS** the Comox Valley is home to a vibrant horticulture and farming community that supports and contributes to the health and wellbeing of our communities and society;

**THEREFORE** as Chair of the Board of Directors, I do hereby proclaim **2022 as Year of the Garden and June 18, 2022 as National Garden Day** within the Comox Valley Regional District.

*J. Ketler*

Jesse Ketler, Chair  
Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022