



PROCLAMATION

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS** *The City of Courtenay values all members of its diverse communities and strives to be inclusive to meet the needs of everyone; and,*
- WHEREAS** *Dyslexia is a neurobiological learning disability that is characterized by an unexpected difficulty in learning to read. With proper diagnosis, instruction and support, individuals with dyslexia can learn to read accurately and fluently, and lead a successful life; and*
- WHEREAS** *Dyslexia is hereditary and not due to a lack of intelligence or desire to learn; and*
- WHEREAS** *The City of Courtenay is home to a population that includes approximately 20 % who live with dyslexia, acknowledging 80% of whom go undiagnosed. This population, when underserved or unsupported, faces inequities and barriers, resulting in them being marginalized, at-risk and more vulnerable to social and emotional issues that affect their well-being, and opportunities in life; and*
- WHEREAS** *October has been embraced nationally and internationally as Dyslexia Awareness month. Accordingly, the City of Courtenay wants to ensure that all people with dyslexia feel valued, respected, and openly welcomed and to foster a culture of equity and inclusion;*
- NOW THEREFORE** *I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim October, 2022 as “**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**” in Courtenay, B.C.*

Mayor Bob Wells