



City of Courtenay

Proclamation

**Community Inclusion Month
October 2026**

- WHEREAS: Inclusion means equity in society for everybody to have opportunity, choice and control in their own lives in order to participate and thrive in Community; and
- WHEREAS: the inclusion of people with disabilities in every aspect of society enables all people to share their skills, talents, and cultures, and to secure their rightful place at home, at work, at school, and in their community; and
- WHEREAS: the Provincial Government has proclaimed October as community inclusion month since 2002; and
- WHEREAS: in 2010, Canada ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which affirms the right of persons with disabilities to live independently, be included in the community, and participate in cultural life, recreation, leisure, and sport; and
- WHEREAS: Community Living BC, a provincial Crown agency, will be celebrating community inclusion month throughout October to raise public awareness of the issues facing people with diverse abilities; and
- WHEREAS: Community Inclusion Month provides an opportunity to celebrate people with lived experience of disability, recognize the progress made toward disability inclusion in British Columbia, raise awareness of the work that remains, and help create an inclusive future for all.
- NOW
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as Community Inclusion Month in Courtenay, BC.

Mayor Bob Wells