



# City of Courtenay

## Proclamation

### Comox Valley Recovery Centre 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2026

- WHEREAS: the **Comox Valley Recovery Centre** was established in 1976 as a volunteer-driven program dedicated to supporting men on their journey toward recovery from addiction; and
- WHEREAS: in its early days the Centre operated with limited resources, no overnight staff, and relied on basic counselling tools such as tapes and videos, sustained largely by the determination of volunteers and the hope of those seeking recovery; and
- WHEREAS: from those humble beginnings serving 8 to 12 clients, the Centre has grown to support up to 30 residents at a time, offering modern, evidence-based recovery programming along with transitional housing and reintegration supports; and
- WHEREAS: the Comox Valley Recovery Centre is a licensed, independent, nonprofit registered charity providing structured, abstinence-based residential programs for men aged 19 and older, including 30, 60, and 90-day recovery stays, counselling, and second-stage beds to assist with a successful return to the community, counselling, and encouragement of active participation in 12 Step recovery programs; and
- WHEREAS: the Centre works collaboratively with many community organizations and service providers to offer holistic programming that helps participants rebuild their lives, reconnect with their families, and contribute positively to their communities; and
- WHEREAS: for five decades the Centre has remained a cornerstone of recovery services in the Comox Valley and across Vancouver Island, made possible through the generosity of community donations, grants, service fees, and the dedication of committed staff and volunteers investing in local recovery services strengthens families, improves community well-being, and contributes to a healthier and more resilient Comox Valley.
- NOW  
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim 2026 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Comox Valley Recovery Centre in Courtenay, BC.

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Mayor Bob Wells