



City of Courtenay

Proclamation Hello Neighbour Day July 18, 2026

WHEREAS:	The City of Courtenay recognizes that a city's true foundation is built upon the strength, health, and mutual care found across its diverse neighborhoods; and
WHEREAS:	Municipal and public health data establishes that active social infrastructure - the daily connections between neighbors—directly mitigates social isolation, promotes belonging, and improves mental health and well-being; and
WHEREAS:	The City of Courtenay's <i>Hello Neighbour</i> initiative shows that when neighbours connect in shared spaces, they build relationships and foster community resilience through simple actions like sharing resources, checking in, and exploring their streets together; and
WHEREAS:	Slowing down to enjoy our environment together, such as gathering with neighbors to take in a shared sunset, creates lasting bonds of connection, belonging, and deepens our collective love for the places we call home; and
WHEREAS:	The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has launched "Everyone Outside Together" - a campaign encouraging Canadians from coast to coast to coast to step outside, together on July 18.
NOW THEREFORE:	I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2026 , as the First Annual Hello Neighbour Day in Courtenay, BC.
FURTHER MORE:	I enthusiastically call upon all residents to step outside on July 18, to reach out to neighbours with simple acts of kindness, care, and hospitality. Use our community postcards to connect with your neighbors. Grab a lawn chair and enjoy the sunset with neighbours. Pin your neighborhood photos to our Interactive Story Map as we build a safer, friendlier, and more resilient city together.

Mayor Bob Wells