



City of Courtenay

Proclamation National Drowning Prevention Week July 19-25, 2026

WHEREAS: the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in British Columbia is one too many; and

WHEREAS: most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS: the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of Courtenay to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and

WHEREAS: the United Nations General Assembly passed the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention (A/75/L.76) and named July 25th of each year as World Drowning Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS: Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 19th-25th, 2026 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

NOW
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim **July 19-25, 2026**, as **National Drowning Prevention Week** in Courtenay, BC.

Mayor Bob Wells