



Office of The Mayor of the City of Burnaby

## PROCLAMATION

### A DAY FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE

- WHEREAS** Our long-term economic, social, ecological and cultural goals form the four pillars of sustainable development; and
- WHEREAS** The UN General Assembly formally adopted the tenets of sustainable development on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1987 when Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Burndtland presented the report, 'Our Common Future', on behalf of the World Commission on Environment and Development; and
- WHEREAS** Sustainable development is defined as, "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and
- WHEREAS** Canada played a critical role in fostering and writing Our Common Future; and
- WHEREAS** Recent reports warn that adverse effects of climate change are likely to undermine sustainable, and all development efforts and goals – recommending increased support for adaptation, mitigation, inclusive green growth and climate-smart development; and
- WHEREAS** Communities are most able to meet their needs by practicing sustainable development which incorporates a resilient resource base with a secure, long-term food and water supply; and
- WHEREAS** Efforts to protect our lands and waters include measures for conservation, biodiversity, habitat and watershed protection that integrate renewable resource, climate-adaptive and sustainable development initiatives; and
- WHEREAS** A healthy approach to sustainable development will find ways to bring a balanced growth that meets economic, social, environmental and cultural goals for everyone's benefit; and
- WHEREAS** Residents, businesses, governments and communities have opportunities to implement recommendations that balance our society's needs, and nature's needs, while furthering global goals for sustainable development.

**NOW THEREFORE I, DEREK CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY,  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 11, 2017 AS**

**"A DAY FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE"**

**IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.**

Derek R. Corrigan  
Mayor



Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, AD