From: Sent: To: Subject: Bates, Tina on behalf of Mayor Van Bynen May-06-15 2:30 PM Clerks FW: World Oceans Day & World Oceans Week

Please see email below.

Tina Bates Assistant to the Office of the Mayor ext. 2003

World Oceans Day Canada www.WorldOceansDay.ca

May 6, 2015 Honorable City Mayor or Reeve

Re: WORLD OCEANS DAY

Dear Honorable Mayor or Reeve;

As you are aware, Canada played a key role in the United Nations declaration of June 8 as World Oceans Day each year. Please remember oceans generate 80% of our oxygen. The theme this year is "One Earth, One Ocean, Ours To Protect".

WORLD OCEANS WEEK CANADA asks you to take a leadership role in your community by:

- 1. Encouraging your residents to
- a) Help our oceans and waterways by reducing their personal water usage
- b) Help our marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list
- c) Keep the shores of our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans free of debris
- d) Reduce their emissions and personal carbon footprint
- 2. Proclaiming June 1 to 8 World Oceans Week in your city (wording below)

Municipalities are name on the Cities and Towns page under the "In Action" tab of our website. We will upload your Proclamation on the World Oceans Day Canada website; please email the pdf file. Thank you.

Together we can make a difference now and for future generations.

Sincerely, Debbie White Founding Board Member <u>www.WorldOceansDay.ca</u> Toll free 866 415-8020 <u>Debbie@WorldOceansDay.ca</u>

Proclamation Sample for Mayors

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Whereas, in 2009 the United Nations proclaimed June 8 to be World Oceans Day each year around the world; and

Whereas, since 1992 Canada played a key role in the United Nations recognizing World Oceans Day; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada was founded to encourage all Canadians to honour, celebrate, protect and preserve our waterways and oceans as well as the habitat along and in our waterways and oceans where 80% of the oxygen we breathe is generated; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada has designated June 1 to June 8 as World Oceans Week in Canada; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to take action to conserve water, preserve waterways and shorelines, reduce emissions, reduce their carbon footprint and protect the habitat along and in our waterways; and

Whereas, World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to help our marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list ; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of, do hereby proclaim June 1 to June 8 as World Oceans Week in our city and encourage the residents of to actively conserve, preserve and protect our waterways, oceans and habit

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of to be affixed this day of, 2015.

....., Mayor