



LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH

## PROCLAMATION

### World Oceans Day 2022

- WHEREAS:** *Wednesday, June 8, 2022 is the United Nation's 30<sup>th</sup> annual "World Ocean's Day" – a day to celebrate the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspire action to protect it; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The ocean is home to vulnerable ecosystems and hundreds of species at risk; it is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore, protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, including communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future; and*
- WHEREAS:** *It is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, with many Indigenous nations and communities leading in the conservation of the ocean, having been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial; and*
- WHEREAS:** *It is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance; and*
- WHEREAS:** *In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.*
- THEREFORE,** *I, Aaron Stone, Mayor of the Town of Ladysmith, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2022 as "World Ocean's Day" in the Town of Ladysmith, British Columbia.*

Mayor A. Stone

April 28, 2022