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October 2, 2017

Ted Schaffer, Mayor  
City of Langley  
20399 Douglas Crescent  
Langley, BC V3A 4B3

Dear Mayor Ted Schaffer,

On behalf of the Upper Fraser Community Council, a volunteer group that works with Community Living BC (CLBC), a BC Crown corporation that funds services for adults with developmental disabilities. The role of the Upper Fraser Community Council is to make sure people with developmental disabilities, families, community members and service providers across the Upper Fraser region play a major role in achieving the shared vision of fostering good lives in welcoming communities.

On behalf of the Upper Fraser Community Council, I am writing to request your Council proclaim October 2017 as Community Living Month in the City of Langley.

This is the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of October being proclaimed as Community Living Month in British Columbia. Each year during this month, individuals, families, service providers, employers, community groups and community partners take time to recognize the many contributions people with developmental disabilities make to their communities. It is also a chance to celebrate the families, friends, employers, volunteers and communities, like yours, who contribute every day to enhance the quality of life for people with diverse abilities.

The Upper Fraser Community Council works collaboratively with community partners and local CLBC offices across the Upper Fraser region to support and recognize community inclusion, and to foster full participation in community for people with developmental disabilities. These goals cannot be accomplished without the dedication and commitment of community partners like you.

Please find attached with this letter suggested wording for the proclamation. On behalf of the Upper Fraser Community Council, thank you for considering our request to have you proclaim Community Living Month 2017 in your community. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Margaret Metcalfe  
Community Council Chair  
Upper Fraser Community Council

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# PROCLAMATION

## Community Living Month

October 2017

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government proclaims October as Community Living Month every year, and

**WHEREAS** Community Living Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout the Province of British Columbia, and

**WHEREAS** Canada ratified the United Nations' historic Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010, and

**WHEREAS** a thriving community requires the inclusion and participation of all its members, and

**WHEREAS** the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community enables all people to contribute their gifts, talents and abilities, and to secure their rightful place at home, at school, at work, and in the community, and

**WHEREAS** Community Living BC, a provincial Crown corporation, will be celebrating Community Living Month in partnership with the City of Langley to raise public awareness about inclusion and support persons with diverse abilities to participate fully in societal life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ted Schaffer, do hereby declare October, 2017 as "Community Living Month" in the City of Langley.

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Ted Schaffer  
City of Langley