



**WHEREAS** childhood cancer is the number one disease killer of children in Canada, killing more children between the ages of one and twenty than Asthma, Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis and AIDS combined. Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer around the world every year; and;

**WHEREAS** every year more than 1,700 children are diagnosed with Cancer in Canada; and;

**WHEREAS** every year in Canada over 300 children under the age of 20 years will lose their lives to cancer; and;

**WHEREAS** of the children who survive their initial cancer most will develop lifetime side effects and are much more likely to develop another form of malignant cancer; and;

**WHEREAS** the mental health of children and youth with cancer including their families should be paramount and support attainable.

**THEREFORE** as Chair of the Board of Directors, do hereby proclaim the **Month of September 2025** as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** within the Comox Valley Regional District.

Will Cole-Hamilton

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025