

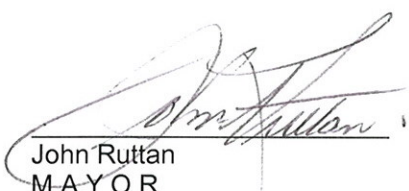


**PROCLAMATION
'A DAY FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE'
DECEMBER 11TH, 2012**

- WHEREAS:** our long-term economic, ecological, social and cultural goals form the four pillars of sustainable development; and
- WHEREAS:** sustainable development was first formally accepted by the UN General Assembly 25 years ago, on December 11th 1987 when Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland presented the report, '*Our Common Future*', on behalf of the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED); 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:** the World Bank has just released a report, '*Turn Down the Heat*', warning that adverse effects of global warming are likely to undermine sustainable, and all development efforts and goals - and recommends increased support for adaptation, mitigation, inclusive green growth and climate-smart development; and
- WHEREAS:** Nanaimo is fortunate to be surrounded by a resilient resource base; with a long-term, secure, food and water supply available by practicing sustainable development; and
- WHEREAS:** residents and businesses and governments of the mid island communities of Vancouver Island have opportunity to implement recommendations for sustainability and stewardship, as defined by our common future - local applications that balance human and nature's needs while furthering Brundtland's global goals for sustainable development; and
- WHEREAS:** local measures to protect our coastal lands and waters could include recognition of a regional green belt that integrates renewable resources, climate-smart and sustainable development initiatives such as...
- a 'Nanaimo Marine Conservation Area' that complements a federal and provincial proposal for a National Marine Conservation Area for the Southern Strait of Georgia,
 - a 'Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable', that works with public and private partners to achieve sustainability and stewardship goals,
 - an alpine biodiversity and habitat corridor, linking the Nanaimo River watershed to the Mt Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve; and
- WHEREAS:** a healthy approach to sustainable development will find ways to bring a balanced growth to the mid-Island that meets economic, social, environmental and cultural goals for everyone's benefit.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim December 11th 2012, be known as:

"A DAY FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE"
in the City of Nanaimo.


John Ruttan
MAYOR

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.