Proclamation
A Day for Our Common Future
December 11, 2015

WHEREAS   our long-term economic, social, ecological and cultural goals form the four pillars of sustainable development;

WHEREAS   the UN General Assembly formally adopted the tenets of sustainable development on December 11, 1987 when Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland presented the report, 'Our Common Future', on behalf of the World Commission on Environment and Development,

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"*;

WHEREAS   Canada played a critical role in fostering and writing Our Common Future;

WHEREAS   recent reports warn that adverse effects of climate change are likely to undermine sustainable, and all development efforts and goals – recommending increased support for adaptation, mitigation, inclusive green growth and climate-smart development;

WHEREAS   communities are most able to meet their needs by practicing sustainable development which incorporates a resilient resource base with a secure, long-term food and water supply;

WHEREAS   efforts to protect our lands and waters include measures for conservation, biodiversity, habitat and watershed protection that integrate renewable resource, climate-adaptive and sustainable development initiatives;

WHEREAS   a healthy approach to sustainable development will find ways to bring a balanced growth that meets economic, social, environmental and cultural goals for everyone's benefit;

WHEREAS   residents, businesses, governments and communities have opportunity to implement recommendations that balance our society's needs, and nature's needs, while furthering global goals for sustainable development;

THEREFORE, as chair of the Comox Valley Regional District board of directors, I do hereby proclaim December 11, 2015 as "A Day for our Common Future" within the Comox Valley Regional District.

Bruce Jolliffe
Chair

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2015