



## City of Campbell River

From the Office of the Mayor

### **- PROCLAMATION -**

**WHEREAS**

Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations. The first Rotary Club was established in BC 101 years ago in 1913. There are over 1.2 million Rotary Club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas;

**AND WHEREAS**

the Rotary motto "*Service Above Self*" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world;

**AND WHEREAS**

Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries;

**AND WHEREAS**

Rotary, in 1985, launched PolioPlus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio. Polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of totally eradicating the disease;

**AND WHEREAS**

to date, Rotary has contributed nearly US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents;

**AND WHEREAS**

Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants. About 40,000 students from 130 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and 7,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange program;

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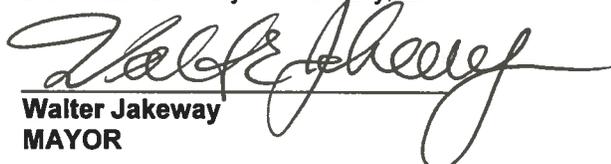
there are over 6,700 Rotary club members in more than 150 clubs throughout the Province of British Columbia sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local communities and abroad.

**NOW THEREFORE I, Walter Jakeway, Mayor of the City of Campbell River** do hereby proclaim February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 to be observed as:

**"ROTARY DAY"**

in the City of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International for its more than 109 years of service to improving the human conditions in local communities around the world.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
**Walter Jakeway**  
**MAYOR**