



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

- PROCLAMATION -

- WHEREAS** On this day in 1958, at 9:31 AM, the destruction of Ripple Rock took place in Seymour Narrows;
- AND WHEREAS** 50 years ago, Ripple Rock was considered a major navigational hazard on the west coast of North America that had damaged or sunk more than 120 vessels and claimed 114 lives;
- AND WHEREAS** The explosion took years of planning and preparation, involved many local residents and made history as the world's largest non-nuclear explosion to date;
- AND WHEREAS** The blast was considered a marvel of engineering that required more than 1,200 tonnes of explosives to launch approximately 635,000 tonnes of rock and water into the air as high as 305 metres (1,000 feet);
- AND WHEREAS** This 10-second spectacle was captured by CBC television and aired across the country in its first live broadcast;
- AND WHEREAS** The destruction of Ripple Rock was a defining moment that began a new era of marine safety for the Inside Passage on the BC coast and opened the gateway for the entire north island region.

NOW THEREFORE I, Roger McDonell, Mayor of the City of Campbell River

do hereby proclaim April 5, 2008 to be:

"THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the EXPLOSION of RIPPLE ROCK DAY"

in the City of Campbell River, British Columbia.

Dated this fourth day of April 2008.

**Roger McDonell
MAYOR**