



### Greetings from Mayor Lisa Helps



On behalf of the City of Victoria, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Victoria Film Festival. This ten-day event may look a little different this year but continues to feature the latest in film and unique events for film makers and the public.

If we have learned anything from the pandemic, it is how much we depend on our creative industries to entertain and educate us. How lucky we are to view a curated collection of films with themes as varied as the community we live in.

I was especially pleased to learn of the programming specifically aimed at young people, including a competition that invites our talented youth to make their own short films, have them adjudicated, with the winning films screening at the festival.

Our growing festival reflects the creativity and innovation that characterizes Victoria as an arts and culture capital. Congratulations to the committed organizers and volunteers, who successfully pivoted in these unusual times to organize and coordinate the second largest film festival in the province in new and creative ways.

Thank you for supporting the Victoria Film Festival. Enjoy the Show!

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor