

## THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

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## PROCLAMATION

## Toastmasters' Month February 2019

**Whereas**, Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization, is a leader in making effective oral communications a national and international reality for all persons; and

**Whereas**, The ability to speak clearly and effectively is a powerful and important skill that can help individuals overcome barriers to effective performance in virtually every endeavor and line of work; and

**Whereas**, 2019 is being celebrated as Toastmasters' 95th year as a non-profit organization which has grown to over 357,000 members in 16,600 clubs in 143 countries; and

**Whereas,** Oak Bay has been the home of Oak Bay Toastmasters, a thriving lively Toastmasters club that has been active in the community for over 25 years; and

**Whereas**, The Toastmasters program helps people develop skills in speaking, listening, giving feedback, decision-making, effective meeting management, delegating and mentoring; and

**Whereas**, By helping people develop essential communication and leadership skills, Toastmasters International and its member Toastmasters Clubs perform a valuable service to its members and the community.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim February 2019 "Toastmasters' Month" and encourage the people to recognize the many accomplishments and opportunities in communication and leadership this outstanding organization has realized for people everywhere.

Kevin Murdoch, Mayor District of Oak Bay



