



Proclamation of the Capital Region as the Birding Capital of Canada

****Whereas****, the Capital Region (CR) is home to an extraordinary diversity of avian species (423 confirmed bird species, and a record 154 wintering species recorded during a Christmas Bird Count), and the CR boasts an impressive range of habitats that support migratory, resident and wintering birds;

****Whereas****, the CR has become a prominent destination for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts from across Canada and around the world, drawn by its unique ecosystems and thriving bird populations;

****Whereas****, our municipal, regional, provincial and national parks, ecological reserves, three Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (Victoria Harbour, Esquimalt Lagoon, and Shoal Harbour) that are important bird areas, as well as waterfronts, forests, coastal meadows, islands and wetlands provide exceptional opportunities for exploration and appreciation of birds in their natural habitats;

****Whereas****, the CR is committed to promoting conservation efforts, education, and awareness programs aimed at protecting our feathered friends and their habitats;

****Whereas****, the tradition of birdwatching fosters a sense of community, encourages outdoor activity, and inspires individuals, families and children to connect with nature;

****Now, Therefore****, I, Rosa Munzer, President, Rocky Point Bird Observatory, proclaim the Capital Region as the ****Birding Capital of Canada****.

****In Witness Whereof****, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of April, 2025.

Rosa Munzer

President