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Subject: FW: For April 26 Agenda - FW: May 3rd Light up Green for Lyme Awareness



Dear Langley Mayor and Council,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you had a good start to the new year.

We are once again preparing for the yearly Light up Green for Lyme Disease on May 3rd, 2021. We skipped 2020 as there was too much uncertainty at that time due to COVID-19. In order to raise awareness, members of BC Lyme are reaching out to their communities to support their efforts in Lighting up their cities with Green Lights wherever possible and to share on social media the reason you are Lighting up Green. I am hoping that the city of Langley will participate in this awareness campaign.

Some of the participants were: Vancouver City Hall, Science World, VCC Sails, Rogers Arena, BC Place Stadium, Telus Garden and numerous Cities in the lower mainland, the valley and the interior, all displaying Green Lights for Lyme Disease Awareness. The main awareness day is on May 3 rd 2021, but for those who can light up longer, this is very much appreciated as the entire month of May is Lyme Disease awareness month.

Even though BC Lyme Support Group is presently unable to meet in person, we continue to meet on Zoom for the duration of the pandemic, Attendance is always free and open to all, including family and friends of those suffering from Lyme Disease.

Lyme Disease is the most common and fastest growing vector-borne infection in Canada and the United States. It is caused by the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi*, transmitted by a tick. The tick also carries many Lyme co-infections! It has now spread to every province and state in North America and it is directly impacting people in our community, many with life-altering consequences.

Lyme Disease is preventable by taking the right precautions and spreading the word. People are spending more time outdoors during this pandemic, making it more important that everyone is well-informed on how to protect themselves and their loved one from this vector-borne disease. This is why this awareness campaign is so important. Prevention is our best chance to avoid infection! You will find information on prevention, safe tick removal, transmission and more on our website <https://www.bclyme.com>

Again, we appreciate your participation in Lighting up Green for Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Regards,

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