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Subject: FW: For an upcoming Council Agenda - May is MS Awareness in Canada | Proclamation Request
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From: Patricia Wilson <fortbillybrown@gmail.com>
Subject: May is MS Awareness in Canada and we are asking for your support
April 16, 2025
City of Langley, Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Pachal,
MS Canada is asking the City of Langley to support for the annual **MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Awareness month of MAY** in Canada #MSAwarenessMonth and to officially declare the month of May as MS Awareness Month.

As an Ambassador for the MS Canada, the ask is that a declaration/proclamation is signed and to fly an MS Canada flag for the month of May, which I can provide.

As well, on **MAY 30th, in support of WORLD MS DAY** that a landmark or facility gets lit up in RED. This annual one day event is recognized the world over. Many locations within the Lower Mainland will be illuminated in RED on this day - Science World, White Rock Pier, Vancouver and Burnaby City Halls, LaFarge Lake Fountain and the Olympic caldron to name a few.

Your support will significantly raise public awareness of the disease and its effects on the over 90,000 Canadians living with multiple sclerosis (MS), plus the work of MS Canada to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change.

MS is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, which includes the brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves. Each person is affected by MS differently. The most common MS symptoms include fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes. Approximately 1 in every 400 Canadians live with MS and on average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day. MS doesn't just affect the person living with the disease, but their family, friends and the entire community. And Canada has one of the highest incidence rates of MS in the world. My quote is "Everyone knows someone with MS".

No one needs to face MS alone and we are here to help. In communities across Canada, MS Canada provides information, support, education and other resources for people affected by MS and their support networks. Attached is the Proclamation document for your consideration and we thank you in advance for helping to recognize May 2025 as MS Awareness Month. Surely the people living in Langley will appreciate your support! We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Wilson
MS Canada Ambassador

