

May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in Parksville

Mayor Ed Mayne has proclaimed May 2022 as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month in the City of Parksville to raise awareness of the disease and the effects on over 90,000 Canadians living with MS.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated one in 400 Canadians and on average, twelve Canadians are diagnosed every day. MS symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision, and speech as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis. There is no known cause, prevention, or cure for MS but each day researchers are learning more about what causes MS and are discovering potential ways to prevent it.

The MS Society of Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both research and services for people with MS and their families. Since 1948, the MS Society of Canada has contributed \$140 million towards research and empowers the MS community to create positive change. All funds are raised through annual events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike and A & W Canada's *Burgers to Beat MS*. More information about the MS Society of Canada at www.mssociety.ca.

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Proclamation

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WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated one in 400 Canadians and about 90,000 across the country; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cause of, prevention of, or cure for multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people with MS and their families; and

WHEREAS, annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A & W Canada's *Burgers to Beat MS* campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and their families and support MS research in Canada; and

WHEREAS, since 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has contributed \$200 million towards MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that has made this possible; and

WHEREAS, together we will find ways to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change and see a world free of multiple sclerosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ed Mayne, Mayor of the City of Parksville, do hereby proclaim for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, the month of May 2022 to be MS Awareness Month in the City of Parksville.

Mayor Ed Mayne
City of Parksville
April 2022