

April Proclaimed as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month in Parksville

Parksville, BC — The City of Parksville has proclaimed April as "Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month" in Parksville. In honour of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month, BC Transplant is raising awareness of the importance of organ donation and encouraging BC residents to register their decision to give the gift of life.

BC Transplant, an agency of the provincial health services authority, has a mandate to increase organ donation and to reduce wait times for patients in need of a transplant. According to BC Transplant, a 2014 public opinion survey showed that 95 percent of British Columbians support organ donation, yet only 20 percent have registered their decision to be a donor. Currently, almost 500 BC residents are awaiting transplants.

April is recognized as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month and at the request of BC Transplant, Mayor Marc Lefebvre has proclaimed April 2015 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month in Parksville. More information at www.transplant.bc.ca

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