

April 22 to 29 is National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week

Mayor Marc Lefebvre has proclaimed April 22 to 29, 2018, as "*National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week*" in the City of Parksville.

The National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week campaign is organized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC & Yukon Branch in an effort to save lives through organ donation. The campaign aims both to raise awareness and to increase organ donor registration in BC by 50% by 2020.

Currently there are almost 652 people in BC waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and almost 527 of those are waiting for a kidney. Until there is a cure for kidney disease, a transplant is the best available therapy for most kidney patients. While 95% of British Columbians say they support organ donation, to date only 24% have registered on BC's organ donor registry.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC & Yukon Branch exists to help prevent kidney disease or delay the onset. The foundation provides support services for patients who have chronic kidney disease and promotes organ donation to increase kidney transplant rates.

More information regarding National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week and the Kidney Foundation can be found on their website at www.kidney.bc.ca.

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