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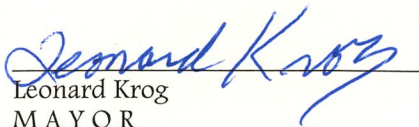
PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH September 2022

- WHEREAS: Pulmonary Fibrosis is a progressive lung disease which results in scarring of the lungs, characterized by decreased lung function and generally death; and
- WHEREAS: damaged lung tissue becomes stiff and thick, making it difficult for our lungs to work efficiently, leading to lower oxygen level in our blood stream; and
- WHEREAS: there is no cure for Pulmonary Fibrosis, treatments including medications, oxygen therapy and pulmonary rehabilitation can slow the progression of the disease in some people as well as make life more manageable; and
- WHEREAS: overwhelming fatigue and tiredness is a common symptom of Pulmonary Fibrosis described mostly by lack of energy that does not improve with rest or sufficient sleep; and
- WHEREAS: maintaining a healthy lifestyle and working closely with our care teams and support teams can help manage Pulmonary Fibrosis; and
- WHEREAS: a large percentage of Covid-19 survivors appear to have developed Pulmonary Fibrosis, Pulmonary Fibrosis patients are more susceptible to developing Covid-19; and
- WHEREAS: an estimated 30,000 Canadians suffer from all forms of Pulmonary Fibrosis, and 5,000 die each year, there are about 6,000 new cases in Canada each year; and
- WHEREAS: a registered charity, the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation raises funds to invest in research to better understand, develop treatments, and find a cure for pulmonary fibrosis. The foundation works to increase public awareness of the disease, support those affected by pulmonary fibrosis and to represent the patient voice to government, healthcare professionals and the public.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as:

PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.


Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 12th day of July 2022





LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH

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PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS

WHEREAS: *Pulmonary Fibrosis is a progressive lung disease where scarring of the lung tissue prevents the essential flow of oxygen to the bloodstream, resulting in vital organs being deprived of the necessary oxygen to survive; and*

WHEREAS: *People with Pulmonary Fibrosis and other chronic medical conditions are among those at greatest risk from acute respiratory infections, including COVID-19, making it more important than ever that we all do our part to ensure that they have the support they need to take charge and live well; and*

WHEREAS: *Pulmonary Fibrosis is a debilitating, chronic lung disease characterized by shortness of breath, dry cough and overwhelming fatigue. Pulmonary Fibrosis can be linked to environmental exposures or autoimmune disorders, but for many the cause is unknown; and*

WHEREAS: *Thousands of people in Canada are living with the severity of this illness, with great impact on British Columbians and their families. Every year at least 5,000 people in Canada die from this disease; and*

WHEREAS: *September is Pulmonary Fibrosis awareness month. This is an opportunity to educate British Columbians, and in particular folks on Vancouver Island and in Ladysmith to raise funds for research and give a voice to families touched by the debilitating disease; and*

WHEREAS: *The Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (CPFF) is a national organization and registered charity that works to provide resources, advocate for patients, support families and those with the disease, and promote education surrounding Pulmonary Fibrosis.*

THEREFORE, *I, Aaron Stone, Mayor of the Town of Ladysmith, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month" in the Town of Ladysmith, British Columbia.*

Mayor A. Stone

July 8, 2022