



## PROCLAMATION

### LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

November 2023

- WHEREAS:** it is important to recognize the strength and courage of those affected by lung cancer as well as remove the stigma around lung cancer. Anyone with lungs can get lung cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** there are many factors contributing to lung cancer diagnosis, such as exposure to radon or second hand smoke, a family history of cancer, and environmental pollutants; and
- WHEREAS:** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Canada, accounting for nearly one quarter of all cancer deaths in the country, more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS:** the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~ 60%, yet only ~ 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and
- WHEREAS:** screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and
- WHEREAS:** funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and
- WHEREAS:** organizations working in Canada such as the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

### LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Mayor Leonard Krog

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023