



Proclamation

November 2024 Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, it is important to recognize the strength and courage of those affected by lung cancer and remove the stigma around lung cancer. Anyone with lungs can get lung cancer, and 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;

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, Mayor Lisa Post, and on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2024, as “**Lung Cancer Awareness Month**” in the Town of Orangeville and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Post", is written above a horizontal line.

Lisa Post
Mayor