



PROCLAMATION

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS *Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Canada, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined. Over 20,000 Canadians are expected to die of lung and bronchus cancer in 2022, representing nearly one quarter of all cancer deaths in Canada; and*

WHEREAS *according to research by Canadian oncologists, lung cancer is expected to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada, with over 30,000 new lung cancer cases expected in 2022. 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 (4) 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, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim the month of November, 2022 “**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**”, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.*

Mayor Bob Wells