City of Colwood

Proclamation

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER, 2026

WHEREAS lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Canada and British Columbia, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS according to the Canadian Cancer Society, there were 3,700 new lung cancer cases in 2026 and 11,900 deaths due to lung cancer in 2026 in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~65%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHERAS continued research is needed in the early diagnosis, screening, and treatment of lung cancer, as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

WHERAS the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking

WHERAS organizations working in Canada such as the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Colwood

NOW THEREFORE I, Doug Kobayashi, Mayor of the City of Colwood, do hereby proclaim November 2026, as "**Lung Cancer Awareness Month**" in the City of Colwood and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women, veterans, and racial minorities, and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

Mayor Doug Kobayashi

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