

Proclamation November 2023 Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, over 20,000 Canadians are expected to die of lung and bronchus cancer in 2023, representing nearly one quarter of all cancer deaths in Canada; and

Whereas, according to research Canadian oncologist, lung cancer is expected to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada, with over 30,000 new lung cancer cases expected in 2023; and

Whereas, the 5-year survival rate of localized lung cancer is approximately 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, organizations working in Canada such as the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative are committed to educating lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, and on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023, 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.

Sandy Brown Mayor