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**To:** Megan Knight; White Rock Council

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April 16, 2025

City of White Rock, Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Knight,

MS Canada is asking the City of White Rock to support for the annual **MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Awareness month of MAY** in Canada #MSAwarenessMonth and to officially declare the month of May as MS Awareness Month.

As an Ambassador for the MS Canada, the ask is that a declaration/proclamation is signed and to fly an MS Canada flag for the month of May, which I can provide.

As well, on **MAY 30th, in support of WORLD MS DAY** a landmark or facility gets lit up in RED. This annual one day event is recognized the world over. Many locations within the Lower Mainland will be illuminated in RED on this day. We have your pier set up to be lit in RED ... THANKYOU .... along with Science World, White Rock Pier, Vancouver and Burnaby City Halls, LaFarge Lake Fountain and the Olympic caldron to name a few.

Your support will significantly raise public awareness of the disease and its effects on the over 90,000 Canadians living with multiple sclerosis (MS), plus the work of MS Canada to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change.

MS is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, which includes the brain,

spinal cord, and optic nerves. Each person is affected by MS differently. The most common MS symptoms include fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes.

Approximately 1 in every 400 Canadians live with MS and on average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day. MS doesn't just affect the person living with the disease, but their family, friends and the entire community. And Canada has one of the highest incidence rates of MS in the world. My quote is "Everyone knows someone with MS".

No one needs to face MS alone and we are here to help. In communities across Canada, MS Canada provides information, support, education and other resources for people affected by MS and their support networks.

Attached is the Proclamation document for your consideration and we thank you in advance for helping to recognize May 2025 as MS Awareness Month. Surely the people living in White Rock will appreciate your support!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wilson

MS Canada Ambassador

**MS Ambassador**  
A face and voice for the MS community.

**MS** Multiple  
Sclerosis  
Canada

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease affecting approximately 1 in 400 Canadians and over 90,000 across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely, and the disease may cause symptoms such as fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes; and

**WHEREAS**, MS is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and

**WHEREAS**, MS Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people affected by MS; and

**WHEREAS**, annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A & W Canada's Burgers to Beat MS campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and help support MS research in Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1948, MS Canada has provided over \$224 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

**WHEREAS**, together we will find ways to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change and see a world free of multiple sclerosis,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I NAME, Mayor of the City of [NAME OF CITY] of the Province of [NAME OF PROVINCE], Canada, do hereby proclaim this month of May 2025 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.

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(signature)