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Dear Mayor Megan Knight and Members of City Council,

I am writing to respectfully request a proclamation declaring May 12 as Environmental Sensitivities / Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS) Awareness Day in White Rock, BC.

**Background:**

This request supports Canada's national Awareness Month in May, which features a coordinated event on May 1, when more than 25 landmarks across the country will be illuminated in yellow. A few places are scheduled other dates in May.

Environmental Sensitivities—including Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity (EHS), and mold-related illnesses—affect over one million Canadians. People with these conditions may experience severe reactions to everyday chemicals and environmental factors—including perfumes, laundry products, exhaust fumes, building materials, smoke, electronic devices, and Wi-Fi—often making it difficult to access public spaces. Raising awareness helps build understanding, promote inclusion, and create healthier communities for everyone.

**Recommendations for Municipal Participation:**

- Issue the proclamation (editable draft attached).

- Illuminate city landmarks in yellow on May 1, May 12, or throughout May.
- Encourage staff and residents to wear yellow to show support.
- Take photos of something yellow and post in the event.
- Share photos of landmarks lit yellow or community initiatives on city media and social media channels.

As a person affected by Environmental Sensitivities, Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity, Mold Illness, and Lyme Disease, I experience severe physical reactions completing online forms when using digital devices, therefore limiting my time on the internet. Accordingly, I respectfully request accommodation to submit this request by email.

Please find attached the proposed proclamation for your review and consideration.

Your leadership and support play an important role in advancing awareness and promoting the health and well-being of all residents in White Rock, BC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie LeBlanc

Outreach and Public Awareness Coordinator for the Environmental Health Association of Manitoba

<https://ehamanitoba.weebly.com>

Event will be created end of April

FaceBook: Marie LeBlanc Artist/Advocate (you can see the 2025 event on here)

## Proclamation

### Environmental Sensitivities/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS) Awareness Day

WHEREAS Environmental Sensitivities (ES), including Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), can substantially limit function and significantly impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Human Rights Commission recognizes Environmental Sensitivities [1]; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that more than one million people in Canada have been diagnosed with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity [2]; and

WHEREAS a subset of these individuals has been identified as experiencing Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity [3]; and

WHEREAS symptoms can range from mild to severely debilitating; and

WHEREAS Environmental Sensitivities/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS) Awareness Month is observed in May, with May 12 recognized as Environmental Sensitivities/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS) Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS to achieve a better quality of life, individuals with Environmental Sensitivities/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS) require access to safe housing and appropriate healthcare; and

WHEREAS community efforts by organizations and individuals raise awareness, offer hope, and support research through advocacy and fundraising;

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Megan Knight, on behalf of the city of White Rock City Council, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2026 as “Environmental Sensitivities / Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS) Awareness Day” in the city of White Rock.

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[1] Canadian Human Rights Commission: <https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/resources/publications/environmental-sensitivities-and-scent-free-policies>

[2] L'Association pour la santé environnementale du Québec/Environmental Health Association of Quebec: <https://aseq-ehaq.ca/en/>

[3] The Medical Perspective on Environmental Sensitivities: <https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.691154/publication.html>