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City of White Rock, Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Knight and Council Members,

As a resident of nearby Langley, I encourage the City of White Rock to proclaim May as MS Awareness Month.

I am just one of the people living in the close community of

Langley, whose life has been touched by MS some 20 years ago. I do know there are many living in your city that are dealing with the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis.

I have attached a proclamation request, hoping that your city will agree to Proclaim/Declare, the month of May as MS Awareness month to show support for MS Canada

As well, I am very pleased that my request to light up your famous WR Pier for World MS Day on May 30 has been approved.

Additionally, I have attached a MS Canada Flag Raising request, to fly an MS Canada flag the month of May 2026 for MS Canada.

Last May, your office graciously flew our MS Canada flag and I am hoping for the same flag to fly outside your City Hall again this year. If you do need a new flag, please reach out and we will supply one.

Thank you for your support of MS Awareness Month,

Patricia Wilson, MS Ambassador for MS Canada

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City of White Rock
Mayor Megan Knight
15322 Buena Vista Avenue
White Rock BC V4B 1Y6

Dear *Mayor Knight*

Good day,

I am writing to submit a request on behalf of [MS Canada](#) to have the MS Canada flag raised for the month of May, 2026, for [MS Awareness](#)

Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world. Over 90,000 Canadians live with MS and on average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with the disease every day.

Having the MS Canada flag raised for the Month of May 2026 will significantly raise public awareness of MS, its effects on Canadians living with it, and 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.

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

Thank you,

Patricia Wilson MS Ambassador – MS Canada

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Sample Online Application Form

Name of organization: MS Canada

Organization's website: <https://mscanada.ca/>

Organization's social media:

Facebook: [@MSCanadaOfficial](#)

Instagram: [@MSCanadaOfficial](#)

Twitter/X: [@MSCanOfficial](#)

Organizational phone number: 1-800-268-7582

Organizational address: *Some request forms ask for an organizational address. We've provided our primary mailing address at the top. If you do need to provide a more local/provincial address, you can also use one of the addresses below. Please provide one of the following, depending on your location:*

MAILING ADDRESS:

MS Canada
250 Dundas Street West, Suite 500
Toronto ON, M5T 2Z5

British Columbia: 301-3450 Uptown Blvd, Victoria, BC, V8Z 0B9

Contact name: *Patricia Wilson*

Contact email address: 

Name of flag: MS Canada flag

Duration of flag raising: for May 1- 30

Please provide a picture of the requested flag:

MS Canada



Purpose of flag raising/description of cause: Canada has one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis (MS) in the world. Over 90,000 Canadians live with MS and on average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with the disease every day. Every year on May 30, we celebrate global solidarity and hope for the future of people living and affected by MS through World MS Day (<https://worldmsday.org/>). For more information about MS and MS Canada, visit mscanada.ca

Are you also requesting a ceremony alongside the flag raising? *If you're planning to organize a flag raising ceremony as well, answer "yes" and provide any additional details, if required or applicable.*

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City of White Rock
Mayor Megan Knight
15322 Buena Vista Avenue
White Rock BC V4B 1Y6

Dear *Mayor Knight*

MS Canada is asking the City of White Rock to officially declare the month of May as MS Awareness Month. This declaration 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. Canada has one of the highest incidence rates of MS in the world and most of us know someone who is affected by the disease.

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 2026 as MS Awareness Month. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Patricia Wilson MS Ambassador – MS Canada

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Enclosure

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 Megan Knight, Mayor of the City of White Rock of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, do hereby proclaim this month of May 2026 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.

(signature)