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For an upcoming agenda package. Thanks.

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Dear White Rock Mayor and Council,
The month of May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month across Canada. In order to raise awareness, BC Lyme is reaching out to communities and landmarks across BC to Light up Green on May 3rd and to share information about Lyme Disease on social media. I am hoping that the City of White Rock will participate in this awareness campaign.

Last year, the month of May was declared BC Lyme Awareness month by the

Provincial Government. We are very proud of this accomplishment. You can see the Proclamation here:

<https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/LymeDiseaseAwarenessMth2021>

Lyme disease is the most common and fastest-growing vector-borne infection in Canada and in the United States. It is caused by the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi* transmitted by a tick. The tick also carries many co-infections! It has now spread to every province and state in North America and it is directly impacting people in our communities.

Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are preventable. By taking the right precautions and spreading the word, we can effectively protect all from Lyme Disease. As we spend more time outdoors in beautiful BC, it is more important than ever that people are well informed on how to protect themselves and their loved ones from these vector borne diseases. This is why this Awareness campaign is very important. Prevention is our best chance to avoid infection! You will find information on prevention, safe tick removal, transmission and more on our website

<https://www.bclyme.com/>

I can provide you with information on prevention, safe tick removal, transmission, etc. in a format that can easily be shared on your social media.

BC Lyme Support Group continues to meet on Zoom because of Covid. Attendance is free and open to all, including family and friends of those suffering from Lyme disease. The group invites prominent guest speakers and shares current information on all aspects of Lyme disease.

I hope the City of White Rock will participate in the May 3rd Light up Green event and light up the City Hall and any other location in the city that supports green lighting. If possible, we would appreciate it if you can keep the lights green a little longer in May and post information about Lyme on your social media.

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to ask.

I look forward to hearing back from you

Regards,

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