

Illumination request

As a proud resident of this community, I would like to invite the municipality to help me shine a light on cause that is dear to me this September.

I would like to respectfully request that city hall (or other possible municipal buildings) light up in blue on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, in support of Arthritis Awareness Month. (Or the next available day if that date is booked).

This will help reach citizens and illustrate your support for those living with the disease, and their families. Arthritis Society Canada has already reached out to communities and monuments across Canada, and would look forward to sharing pictures on social media of a nation united in this important cause.

Already, buildings and landmarks from coast to coast in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Moncton, Fredericton, Charlottetown, Halifax and St. John's have committed to being aglow in blue. Please join them!

Because it's not *just* arthritis.

Arthritis is serious. It causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility, and diminishes quality of life. Six million Canadians – 1 in 5 – live every day with the fire of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040.

During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, let our city stand with everyone who lives with arthritis – and all those who know and love them – to fight the fire of arthritis. Let's raise voices and awareness.

For more information about Arthritis Awareness Month, visit www.arthritis.ca/fightthefire.

With gratitude for your consideration.