

**Illumination request**  
**May 19, 2021**

Dear City of Port Moody,

Throughout the Arthritis Society's 73-year history, community support has been critical in enabling the organization to fulfill its mission of investing in cutting-edge research, proactive advocacy and innovative information and support that will deliver better health outcomes for people affected by arthritis.

Arthritis is a collection of conditions affecting joints and other tissues. It causes pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. It's serious. Six million - 1 in 5 Canadians - live every day with arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to 9 million by 2040.

During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis to stand up and boldly declare: "Arthritis Won't Stop Me." We seek to raise voices and awareness – one million voices for the 6 million Canadians whose lives have been significantly impacted by arthritis.

The Arthritis Society is a charitable organization working to overcome Canada's most pervasive chronic health condition and together we can achieve our vision to live in a world where people are free from the devastating effects of arthritis.

We respectfully request that the City of Port Moody lights up City Hall in blue on September 1, 2021 in support of Arthritis Awareness Month. This will help us reach British Columbians with our message and illustrate your support for those living with the disease, and their families. This request has been sent to communities and monuments across Canada, and we look forward to sharing pictures on social media of a nation united in this important cause.

For more information about Arthritis Awareness Month, visit [www.arthritis.ca/1for6million](http://www.arthritis.ca/1for6million).

Should you have any questions about this request, please don't hesitate to reach out to my colleague, Mariah Ricciuto at [mricciuto@arthritis.ca](mailto:mricciuto@arthritis.ca).

With gratitude for your consideration.

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