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Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Clerks <Clerks@portmoody.ca>
Subject: Request for Green Shirt Day Proclamation

Good Day:

I have been advised by Ms. Tracey Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer for the City of Port Moody that the form that I submitted for a Proclamation request was not needed and to just send an email with details of the request. Please find the details of the request for Proclaiming April 7th Green Shirt Day below.

My name is Anita Gojevic and I am currently the Secretary for the British Columbia Canadian Transplant Association (**BC CTA**) and have been involved with **BC CTA** since one of my younger sisters received a bone marrow transplant (donated by another sister) in 2005. Since that time two other members of my family have each received double lung transplants, a niece has received a kidney transplant and another niece has donated a kidney. I am now a strong advocate for not only Organ Donation Awareness but also for pre and post transplant health as many members of my family and thousands of others across British Columbia, would not be here today if it wasn't for the incredible gift of organ donation.

This is why I am reaching out to you to help raise awareness. On behalf of the [Canadian Transplant Association](#) (CTA), I would like to request [a proclamation declaring April 7 as Green Shirt Day](#) in the City of Port Moody. As living donors, donor family members and transplant recipients, the CTA strives to honor the legacy of Humboldt Broncos player Logan Boulet. In the wake of the Humboldt bus crash on April 6, 2018, Logan's family followed his wishes, allowing his gifts to save the lives of six people. In doing so, Logan created a legacy, which inspired thousands of people all over the world to register to become organ and tissue donors. This has become known as the "Logan Boulet Effect".

By [proclaiming April 7 Green Shirt Day](#) our hope is to continue to inspire all residents not only of New Westminster, but all residents of BC and Canada to register to become organ and tissue donors to save and improve the lives of thousands on the waiting lists, and to ensure they share these wishes with their families. Organ and tissue donation has an incredible impact, not just for those who receive a second chance at life, but also for all those connected to the recipient.

I can attest to this personally as organ donation has allowed me to continue to embrace the continued presence of my sisters, nieces and brother in my life and who bring me great joy. As well, organ donation and transplantation has allowed my brother the opportunity to welcome and enjoy his two granddaughters, a niece who is able to enjoy her children and grandchildren and who herself is a very strong advocate for organ and tissue donation as is now actually the President of the Canadian Transplant Association. [Canadian Transplant Association](#) and <http://www.transplant.bc.ca/>



In an effort too ensure that this request does not greatly increase the workload for you and your staff, please find attached a sample document setting out the suggested wording for such a proclamation.

Thank you for your time. Please let me know if you have any further questions or require more information.

Kind Regards,
Anita Gojevic

"Organ donation is not a tragedy, but

it can be a beautiful light in the midst of one". (unknown)

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE AND REGISTER TO BE AN ORGAN
DONOR AT www.transplant.bc.ca**

Declaration

Green Shirt Day

April 7, 2022

WHEREAS: on April 7, 2018, in the aftermath of the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash, a young Alberta hockey player named Logan Boulet, became an organ donor;

AND WHEREAS: Logan had registered as a donor and shared his wishes with his family, allowing his gift to save the lives of six others, and his story to continue on – inspiring thousands of people around the world to register as organ and tissue donors;

AND WHEREAS: The City of New Westminster is committed to improving the organ and tissue donation program and increasing the number of registered donors, so that more lives can be saved and improved, and more families have the gift of time with their loved ones;

AND WHEREAS: Logan Boulet's family and the Canadian Transplant Association carry on Logan's legacy by recognizing April 7th as Green Shirt Day, raising awareness of the need for registered organ and tissue donors, and the necessity of donors to share their wishes with family, so that access to life-saving and life transforming transplants can be improved;

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE MAYOR ROB VAGRAMOV IS PROUD TO DECLARE APRIL 7, 2022, AS **GREEN SHIRT DAY** IN NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.