



Proclamation

WHEREAS

March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness, funding research, and supporting those living with amyloidosis and their loved ones;

AND WHEREAS

Amyloidosis is a group of diseases that occurs when an abnormal protein, known as amyloid, builds up in the tissues and organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease can result in organ failure and can be fatal;

AND WHEREAS

Amyloidosis can mimic the signs and symptoms of more common medical conditions and the disease can be challenging to diagnose;

AND WHEREAS

Amyloidosis often affects people who are older or middle aged; however, younger people have been diagnosed with this disease;

AND WHEREAS

some of the signs and symptoms of amyloidosis can include shortness of breath, weight loss, fatigue, swelling in the ankles and legs, numbness in the hands and feet, foamy urine, carpal tunnel syndrome, bruising around the eyes, and an enlarged tongue;

AND WHEREAS

early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for both patients and their families;

AND WHEREAS

raising awareness about all the amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non-hereditary forms of the disease, can contribute to the building of healthier communities across Canada;

NOW, THEREFORE

the Council of the City of Port Moody does hereby declare the month of March, 2023 as

“Amyloidosis Awareness Month”

Dated this 24th day of January, 2023