



LADYSMITH

TOWN OF LADYSMITH

# PROCLAMATION

## PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS

**WHEREAS:** *Pulmonary Fibrosis is a progressive lung disease where scarring of the lung tissue prevents the essential flow of oxygen to the bloodstream, resulting in vital organs being deprived of the necessary oxygen to survive; and*

**WHEREAS:** *People with Pulmonary Fibrosis and other chronic medical conditions are among those at greatest risk from acute respiratory infections, including COVID-19, making it more important than ever that we all do our part to ensure that they have the support they need to take charge and live well; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Pulmonary Fibrosis is a debilitating, chronic lung disease characterized by shortness of breath, dry cough and overwhelming fatigue. Pulmonary Fibrosis can be linked to environmental exposures or autoimmune disorders, but for many the cause is unknown; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Thousands of people in Canada are living with the severity of this illness, with great impact on British Columbians and their families. Every year at least 5,000 people in Canada die from this disease; and*

**WHEREAS:** *September is Pulmonary Fibrosis awareness month. This is an opportunity to educate British Columbians, and in particular folks on Vancouver Island and in Ladysmith to raise funds for research and give a voice to families touched by the debilitating disease; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (CPFF) is a national organization and registered charity that works to provide resources, advocate for patients, support families and those with the disease, and promote education surrounding Pulmonary Fibrosis.*

**THEREFORE,** *I, Aaron Stone, Mayor of the Town of Ladysmith, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month" in the Town of Ladysmith, British Columbia.*

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Mayor A. Stone

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