



# PROCLAMATION

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Canada accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and,

**WHEREAS** over 20,000 Canadians are expected to die of lung and bronchus cancer in 2023, representing nearly one quarter of all cancer deaths in Canada; and,

**WHEREAS** according to research by Canadian oncologists, lung cancer is expected to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada, with over 30,000 new lung cancer cases expected in 2023; and,

**WHEREAS** the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and,

**WHEREAS** funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and,

**WHEREAS** organizations working in Canada such as the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on behalf of Council and the residents of Fort Saskatchewan, I, Gale Katchur, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of November as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

**Mayor Gale Katchur**

November 1, 2023