



CITY OF KINGSTON

Proclamation

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March 2025

Whereas most colorectal cancers start as polyps inside the colon or the rectum and grow slowly, thus making it one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening and early diagnosis. When caught early, up to 9 out of 10 people can be cured; and

Whereas colorectal cancer is the 4th most diagnosed cancer in Canada, and is the 2nd leading cause of death from cancer in men and 3rd in women; and

Whereas on average 69 Canadians will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 26 Canadians will die from colorectal cancer every day; and

Whereas 1 in 16 Canadian men and 1 in 18 Canadian women will develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime and 1 in 38 and 1 in 43 will die from it, respectively; and

Whereas vulnerable individuals including the unhoused or those living with severe mental illness are less likely to screen, get diagnosed later and have worse colorectal cancer outcomes; and

Whereas March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness, encouraging screening, and supporting those living with colorectal cancer and their loved ones; and

Whereas observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March provides a special opportunity to raise awareness and provide education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 19th day of February, 2025

Bryan Paterson
Mayor