May is MS Awareness Month

Whereas multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 1 in 340 Canadians, usually between the ages of 20 – 49 years, although MS can affect Canadians younger and older; and

Whereas Canada has one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis in the world; and

Whereas multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and

Whereas the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people with MS and their families; and

Whereas annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, the MS Carnation Campaign, and the A & W Burgers to Beat MS support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and their families and supports MS research in Canada; and

Whereas since 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has contributed $140 million towards MS research, and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

Whereas Kingston will continue to lead the way in multiple sclerosis research through Queen’s University; and

Whereas the Multiple Sclerosis Society –Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Chapter will continue to support the Regional MS Clinic in Kingston.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, proclaim May 2020 as “MS Awareness Month” in the City of Kingston.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor