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Dear City of Esquimalt Management,

The Canadian Autoinflammatory Network/Reseau Auto-inflammatoire Canadien is a Canadian based charity focused on raising awareness and providing substantive support to patients, their families, doctors and researchers affected by autoinflammatory diseases. We are joining other organizations from around the globe in asking our local landmarks in orange to light up in support of Autoinflammatory diseases. We are hoping we can add the Archie Browning Sports Centre and the Esquimalt Adventure Park among the landmarks that are lighting up in orange to raise awareness of autoinflammatory diseases.

Autoinflammatory Diseases are rare, and more newly defined diseases that affect patients of all ages, often starting in infancy, and affect all races. Earlier diagnosis and treatment can help to change, and even save lives, and there are some treatments that can help, but more research and understanding of these diseases are needed. We're trying to raise more awareness for these diseases globally, and hope that we can get some buildings to be lit up orange sometime in August to help us to raise awareness around the world! Valencia, Spain and other city halls and companies globally are going to be lighting up orange in August too.

International Autoinflammatory Awareness Month was [officially organized and launched in 2015](#) by the [Autoinflammatory Alliance](#), along with the support of other organizations and our patient community worldwide, to improve understanding and advocate for these rare diseases. With the launch of the Canadian Autoinflammatory Network, a not-for-profit with the stated goal of increasing advocacy for these diseases in Canada, last year we have joined together with other autoinflammatory organizations worldwide in adopting August as the month to raise awareness.

There are virtual patient global events planned for August, and patient organizations worldwide are trying to get buildings lit up orange in August. We will be having our kick off August 3 and 4th but any weekend in August would help us in meeting our goal of turning the world's landmarks orange to raise awareness. It will mean a lot to patients to have your support, and we will share images of the buildings lit up on social media, and in our patient programs in August.

Patients globally will be helping to "Shine a Light for Autoinflammatory Diseases" wherever they live. They will share images, videos, and stories to share what they want to raise awareness, their hopes and wishes and thanks, which we will also feature on the official International Autoinflammatory Awareness Month website at: <https://autoinflammatorymonth.org>

We hope that you will join us in helping to "Shine a Light on Autoinflammatory Diseases."

Thank you for your consideration.

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