

**From:** [Jack Briedé-Cooper](#)  
**To:** [Deb Hopkins](#)  
**Subject:** Susan Nickerson Re Illumination and Proclamation request from Huntington Society of Canada - Can you help us shine a light on Huntington disease?  
**Date:** March-17-23 1:26:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [#LightItUp4HD Proclamation 2023.doc](#)

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Corporate Officer – For Late Agenda item (Mar 20)

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**From:** Susan Nickerson <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** March 16, 2023 at 3:11:23 PM PDT  
**To:** Barb Desjardins <[Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca)>  
**Subject: Re: Illumination and Proclamation request from Huntington Society of Canada - Can you help us shine a light on Huntington disease?**

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Hello Barb,

I hope you are having great week and enjoying the spring weather!

Attached is a draft proclamation that may be helpful in The Town of Esquimalt's decision to declare the month of May Huntington Disease Awareness Month. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,  
Susan

On Mar 12, 2023, at 2:54 PM, Barb Desjardins  
<[Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca)> wrote:

Susan

I am forwarding this to staff. If we have not done this before it will come

to council. If we have done a proclamation it will automatically happen.  
Stay tuned  
Thanks for taking on this important role

On Mar 12, 2023, at 2:49 PM, Susan Nickerson

[REDACTED] wrote:

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Hello Barb!

I hope you are well! I have just accepted the role of Volunteer Event Coordinator for the Huntington Society of Canada (HSC), Vancouver Island Chapter. I am reaching out on behalf of HSC for the annual #LightItUp4HD 2023 campaign as well as a Township of Esquimalt proclamation to declare the month of May Huntington Disease Awareness month. In the past, the City of Victoria has participated in this initiative and this year I would like to expand the awareness to several more municipalities on the Island.

Will you help us raise awareness for Huntington disease (HD) by lighting up the Town Hall in blue and/or purple for one or more days in May? If possible, we kindly request the light up occur on Friday, May 5 and continue for as many days as possible but sincerely grateful for any date(s). We also kindly request Mayor and Council consider a proclamation declaring the month of May Huntington disease awareness month.

HD is a fatal genetic disorder that has no cure. It is often described as having ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's all at the same time. Sites across Canada are helping us raise awareness for HD and Juvenile HD by lighting up in blue and purple, respectively.

The #LightItUp4HD campaign is a wonderful opportunity for those with HD to raise awareness, connect and gain support from their communities. Please let us know if it is possible to light up our Town Hall in blue and/or purple for one or more days in May 2023.

If you are able to help us, please reply to this email with the following information:

- Name, address and website of site
- Contact person's information
- When the site will light up
- What part of the site will light up
- All social media handles for the site so that we can promote your involvement

If you prefer, you may complete the attached PDF form and email it to [REDACTED]

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or need additional information.  
Thank you for raising awareness about Huntington disease and bringing connection

to the community.

Warmly,

Susan Nickerson  
Volunteer Event Coordinator  
Huntington Society of Canada – Vancouver Island Chapter

<Light It Up 4 HD 2023.pdf>

<Participating Site Information Light It Up 2023 - Fillable (1)  
(1).pdf>

**“HUNTINGTON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”**

- WHEREAS** *Huntington disease (HD) is a hereditary, neurodegenerative illness with physical, cognitive and emotional symptoms for which there is no cure; and*
- WHEREAS** *one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk for developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD as a caregiver, family member, or friend; and*
- WHEREAS** *HD causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death. It is likened to experiencing the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and schizophrenia all in one disease; and*
- WHEREAS** *Huntington disease Awareness Month reflects the Huntington Society of Canada’s (HSC) mission, which is to aspire to a world free from HD. HSC celebrates the resilience and hope demonstrated by the HD community. HSC aims to maximize the quality of life of people living with HD by delivering support services; enabling others to understand the disease; and supporting further breakthroughs in research to find treatments that address the root cause of HD; and*
- WHEREAS** *HSC works with health and social services professionals to enable them to better serve people living with HD; and*
- WHEREAS** *HSC is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to end Huntington disease. HSC is the only national health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with HD across Canada.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as “**HUNTINGTON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**” on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **XXX**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this XX day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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