



Mayor Bernadette Clement  
City of Cornwall  
360 Pitt Street  
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April 2021

Dear Mayor Clement:

As we work our way through these challenging times we sometimes put special-needs organizations in the background. These organizations depend on public support, awareness and individual support. In particular, the support that is necessary to maintain a healthy way of life for people in our community who suffer from Parkinson's is critical.

April is internationally recognized as **Parkinson Awareness Month. A public statement from our leaders will go a long way towards raising public awareness** of the struggle for those with Parkinson's to maintain and manage daily activities for as long as possible.

A Proclamation from your office would assist us with one of our major goals; to increase public awareness of this devastating neurological disorder. Parkinson can affect individuals of both genders and all ages, - including those in their early 20s - those with young children and some at the height of their careers. The debilitating effects of Parkinson's are felt not only by the person with the disease, but their entire family and the broader community. Unfortunately, there is currently no known cure.

In the Cornwall catchment area, it is estimated that there are 300 people currently living with Parkinson's. This number is expected to double in ten years.

As agreed in conversation with Mayor Clement on March 4<sup>th</sup> the city is willing to entertain proclamations this year. We have taken the liberty of including an outline for a proclamation regarding Parkinson's Awareness. Adjust as needed for City Protocols. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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## **Parkinson Awareness Month – 2021**

### **Proclamation**

WHEREAS Parkinson's disease, for which there is no known cause or cure, is a progressive, degenerative neurological disorder which causes tremors or trembling of the arms and legs, muscular rigidity, slowness of movement and difficulty with speaking, swallowing, eating, drinking, sleeping, mood and cognition; and,

WHEREAS Parkinson's is a progressive chronic disease that results in a loss of independence and premature death; and,

WHEREAS Parkinson's affects approximately 4,000 adults in the Champlain Region, with approximately 300 in Cornwall catchment area; and,

WHEREAS Parkinson Canada is providing information, consultation, support services and educational seminars for people with Parkinson's and their families; and is promoting a better understanding of this disorder; and,

WHEREAS It takes a community to educate and support people affected by Parkinson's disease and April is Awareness Month World Wide:

NOW, THEREFORE I, \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April 2021 as "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH", and Sunday April 11 as "World Parkinson's Day" and urge all citizens of our community to become more educated and aware of the far-reaching effects of Parkinson's disease.