



City of Courtenay

Proclamation Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 2026

- WHEREAS: Childhood Cancer is the number one disease killer of children in Canada, killing more children between the ages of one and twenty than Asthma, Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis and AIDS combined. Every year more than 1700 children are diagnosed with Cancer in Canada; and
- WHEREAS: Every year in Canada over 300 children under the age of 20 years will lose their lives to cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Of the children who survive their initial cancer most will develop lifetime side effects and are much more likely to develop another form of malignant cancer; and
- WHEREAS: families affected by childhood cancer often rely on the dedication of healthcare professionals, researchers, support organizations, volunteers, and compassionate communities who provide care, advocacy, and vital resources throughout their journey; and
- WHEREAS: Our children are our most precious resource and are truly valued by all peoples of British Columbia. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to honour the strength of children living with cancer, remember those whose lives have been lost, recognize survivors, and acknowledge the unwavering support of parents, siblings, caregivers, and loved ones.
- NOW
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim September 2024 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Courtenay, BC

Mayor Bob Wells