



City of Courtenay

Proclamation

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month May 2026

- WHEREAS: It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety; and
- WHEREAS: Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS: Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage; and
- WHEREAS: Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early; and
- WHEREAS: Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives
- NOW
THEREFORE: I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as “Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month” in Courtenay, BC.

Mayor Bob Wells