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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

PRESS RELEASE FOR COUNCIL RE: EMS SENSITIVITY MONTH

COLWOOD, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FIRST CANADIAN COMMUNITY TO PROCLAIM
ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY MONTH -- AUGUST

I David Saunders, Mayor of the City of Colwood am proud to announce that the City has proclaimed August as Electromagnetic Sensitivity Awareness Month. This is a first for Canada, as it joins many other countries in recognizing this new environment-related illness.

The proclamation states that people in Colwood and throughout the world have developed Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of exposure to electromagnetic pollution.

EMS is a painful, chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiation for which there is no known cure. The symptoms of this disease include but are not limited to dermatitis, acute numbness and tingling, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, overwhelming fatigue, sensitivity to light, and severe neurological problems.

Relief can be obtained only by eliminating exposure to radiation-emitting devices such as cell phones, wireless technology, FM and cell transmitters, and CFL light bulbs, resulting in major lifestyle changes.

EMS is recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Canadian Government as an Environmental Sensitivity, the Americans with Disability Act, and numerous other international commissions.

The health of the general population is at risk from chronic, long-term exposures to electromagnetic radiation. This illness may be prevented through reduction in radiation exposure levels both indoor and outdoor. Further medical research and education is needed as is the support and understanding of family, friends and society as these people struggle with this poorly understood new environmental disease.

Sincerely,

David Saunders, Mayor
City of Colwood



PROCLAMATION

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS people of all ages in Colwood and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of global electromagnetic pollution; and

WHEREAS Electromagnetic Sensitivity is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS The symptoms of Electromagnetic Sensitivity include dermal changes, acute numbness and tingling, dermatitis, flushing, headaches, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, tinnitus, malaise, gastric problems, nausea, visual disturbances, severe neurological respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS Electromagnetic Sensitivity is recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The Canadian Government as an Environmental Sensitivity, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and many other national and international commissions; and

WHEREAS this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiation in both indoor and outdoor environments and by further medical research;

NOW THEREFORE I, David Saunders, Mayor of the City of Colwood, hereby proclaim the month of August 2009 as:

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Colwood.

MAYOR

