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RE: World Kidney Day proclaimed

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – March 9, 2023, has been proclaimed World Kidney Day in the Town of Amherst.

“One in 10 Canadians are at risk for kidney disease if they have pre-existing conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of kidney disease,” Mayor David Kogon said, as he signed the proclamation on behalf of the Amherst town council.

“By releasing this fact and signing the proclamation, we hope we can encourage more people to learn about the disease. We also hope it will outline the importance of early detection because if it is detected early enough many people could delay the need for dialysis or transplantation.”

The mayor noted more than 100 people in Nova Scotia are waiting for a kidney transplant.

He praised the Kidney Foundation of Canada and its local chapter for working to raise awareness about the risk factors and the need for early detection.

“They do fantastic work, not only in March during Kidney Health Month, but during the entire year,” Kogon said.



MAYOR DAVID KOGON SIGNS A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 9, 2023, TO BE WORLD KIDNEY DAY IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST. (TOM McCOAG / TOWN OF AMHERST)





As part of the efforts to encourage people to be aware of the disease, the Kidney Foundation of Canada's flag will be flown over the town on March 9, 2023. The flag will be raised during a short ceremony that takes place at the flag poles on Church Street at 9 a.m.

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