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PROCLAMATION

December is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Canada, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined, with over 20,000 Canadians expected to die of lung and bronchus cancer in 2026 representing nearly one quarter of all cancer deaths in Canada; and

WHEREAS, according to research by Canadian oncologists, lung cancer is expected to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada, with over 30,000 new lung cancer cases expected in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 60%, yet only 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage highlighting the importance of screening for lung cancer in high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography (CT). Early detection significantly reduces lung cancer mortality by up to 33% however, only 5.7% of high-risk individuals are currently getting screened; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in Canada such as the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates,

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Steve Ferguson, on behalf of the County of Prince Edward Council, hereby recognize the month of December to be “Lung Cancer Awareness Month” in the County.

DATED at Picton this 10th day of November 2026
Mayor Steve Ferguson