PROCLAMATION

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Each year, it is estimated that over 29,000 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 5,300 will die from the disease. In 2026, this represents 23% of all new cancer cases in men. Over a lifetime, about 1 in 8 Canadian men will develop prostate cancer. For Black men, the risk increases to 1 in 6, and they are 2.2 times as likely to die from the disease.

The Walnut Foundation, based in Brampton, is dedicated to raising awareness of prostate cancer and other men's health issues. The organization provides education, promotes early detection, offers peer-to peer support to men and their families navigating a diagnosis, and works with students at the local Toronto Metropolitan University Medical School to help them better understand the communities they will be called on to serve after graduation.

Throughout the month of September, there are a number of events taking place across the GTA in support of prostate cancer awareness. These include presentations, a community health fair, monthly membership and support group meetings, the 17th Annual Cruisin' for a Cure Canada car show and blood test clinic at the CAA Centre, and more.

This month of heightened activity will raise funds to support the work of The Walnut Foundation, increase prostate cancer awareness across Ontario, and encourage proactive screening with the goal of engaging men to talk about prostate cancer.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2026, as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton