

**PROCLAMATION**

**LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY**

**March 6,2021**

**WHEREAS** Lymphedema is an incurable condition affecting more than 1 million Canadians including 30-40% of all cancer survivors with disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort and distress; and

**WHEREAS** Many British Columbians are living with Lymphedema, an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes chronic swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body, affecting men, women and children and causing a severe financial, physical and psychological impact on the lives of patients; and

**WHEREAS** There is a desperate need to raise the level of knowledge about lymphedema within the medical community for timely diagnosis, and management, so people no longer go untreated due to lack of knowledge about treatment; and

**WHEREAS** The lack of focus on this condition has resulted in inadequate education, and a lack of effective clinical or surgical treatment, plus a drastic shortage of trained medical professionals; and

**WHEREAS** The mandate of the BC Lymphedema Association is to bring attention to this distressing disease and to promote healthy and hopeful living with lymphedema through education, awareness, advocacy, and support for all people in British Columbia living with lymphedema, and for their families and caregivers.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Darnelda Siegers, on behalf of the District of Sechelt Council do hereby proclaim that March 6, 2021 shall be known as

**LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY**

in the **DISTRICT OF SECHELT.**

**DARNELDA SIEGERS**

Mayor