



Proclamation

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"Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month" May 1-31, 2025

- WHEREAS:** It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety; and
- WHEREAS:** Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers; and
- WHEREAS:** Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS:** Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage; and
- WHEREAS:** Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early; and
- WHEREAS:** Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor Julius Bloomfield, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** the month of May 2025 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Penticton.

Mayor Julius Bloomfield