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FW: PKD Awareness Day - Flag Storage and Recognition Request

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To the Municipal Clerk's Office

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out on behalf of the PKD Foundation of Canada to follow up on past recognition of PKD Awareness Day (September 4) in your community.

We understand that your office may have stored our PKD flag following a previous flag raising. If that's the case, we would appreciate confirmation that it is still in your possession.

We would also be very grateful if you would consider flying the flag again on September 4, 2025, as part of your community's recognition of PKD Awareness Day.

Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is one of the most common life-threatening genetic diseases, affecting about 1 in 400 to 1 in 1,000 Canadians. It causes cysts to grow in the kidneys, leading to pain, complications, and eventually kidney failure. Although it is widespread, many people still haven't heard of it. That's why awareness efforts like this are so important to our community.

Since 2014, Health Canada has officially recognized September 4 as National PKD Awareness Day, and over 35 communities across the country helped mark the day last year through proclamations and flag raisings.

The PKD Foundation of Canada is the only national organization solely dedicated to fighting PKD. Through research, support and education, and awareness and advocacy, we aim to ease the journey for PKD warriors and caregivers, providing community, connection and accurate information, and funding research to generate hope.

We've been doing this for over 30 years, partnering with health care providers and specialists to offer the most up-to-date information, providing peer support, raising awareness, advocating for improved care, and supporting Canadian researchers as they strive to develop ways to slow PKD's progression and, ultimately, find a cure.

If your municipality is planning to participate again this year, we would be happy to assist with any logistics. If you're not planning to take part, we completely understand and kindly ask that the flag be returned so it can be used in another community.

Thank you again for your past support, and for helping raise awareness of this serious condition. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.

Kind regards,

MLG

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