KAWASAKI DISEASE AWARENESS DAY
January 26, 2026

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease Canada was incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act in May, 2014. In December 2015, Kawasaki Disease Canada became registered as a national charity.

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease Canada's mission is to ensure Kawasaki disease is top-of-mind for Canadians. Our vision is saving children's hearts from the effects of Kawasaki disease.

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children and affects children around the globe. Early diagnosis is a matter of life or death and/or lifelong coronary distress. Early detection is critical; increased awareness of early symptoms is imperative to diagnosis and effective treatment. We want Kawasaki disease to be top of mind of Canadians and for us to increase awareness and save children's hearts from the effects of Kawasaki disease

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease Canada is the only Canadian national charity working to improve outcomes of Kawasaki disease and at the forefront of Kawasaki disease issues by collaborating with families affected by the disease and medical professionals. January 26 is the anniversary of the day in 1961 that Dr. Tomisaku Kawasaki began to recognize a cluster of symptoms that led to the classification "Kawasaki disease". It has been more than 50 years, the cause of the disease is still unknown. Increased awareness is imperative. Kawasaki Disease Canada supports international partners in the quest to increase awareness and is pursuing this proclamation across Canada.

NOW THEREFORE Members of Okotoks Town Council do hereby proclaim January 26, 2026 as Kawasaki Awareness Day in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 26th day of January 2026

_____--ORIGINAL SIGNED--_____