

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### Proclaiming November 19 as Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day

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#### SUMMARY:

Early age onset cancers are an increasing concern among Canadians, with rates of diagnosis increasing significantly in Canadians born after 1980 than in earlier generations. Late diagnosis can complicate outcomes for patients, compromising treatment options and leading to poorer outcomes compared to those over the age of 50, who are more regularly screened for cancer.

The Colorectal Cancer Resource and Action Network (CCRAN), a Toronto-based patient focused-organization leading support, education and advocacy efforts for all Canadians impacted by cancer, is a leader in awareness for those diagnosed at an early age.

On November 19-20, 2026, CCRAN will be hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Early Age Onset Cancer Symposium, connecting patients, experts and policymakers to support young Canadians battling this disease.

By proclaiming November 19 as Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day, City Council can help raise awareness of this critical issue and affirm our commitment to supporting those affected by cancer in Toronto, and across Canada more broadly.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council proclaim November 19 as Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day.
2. City Council request the Chief Communications Officer, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, conduct a public education campaign in support of Early Age Onset Cancer Awareness Day.

Date: April 21, 2026