

CITY OF SELKIRK

PROCLAMATION

Lymphedema Awareness Day

WHEREAS lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body and affects both men, women and children; and

WHEREAS the swelling caused by lymphedema can lead to severe infection or loss of the use of limbs, and patients suffering from lymphedema must endure physical discomfort and disfigurement and cope with the distress caused by these symptoms; and

WHEREAS the single largest group of people who get lymphedema are cancer patients; and

WHEREAS recent studies have indicated that 20 percent of breast cancer patients will get lymphedema after surgery and radiation; and

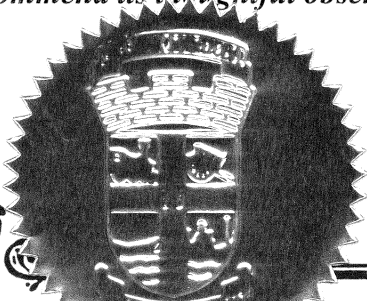
WHEREAS according to the Canadian Cancer Society, there are a reported 853,400 Canadians living after a diagnosis of cancer; and

WHEREAS no drug or effective surgical treatment for lymphedema currently exists; and

WHEREAS research in all areas of lymphedema has been notably limited; and

WHEREAS lymphedema, which has no cure and can occur anytime, has a severe financial, physical, and psychological impact on patients;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, David K. Bell, Mayor of the City of Selkirk in the Province of Manitoba do hereby proclaim March 6, 2009 as Lymphedema Awareness Day in Selkirk and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens.



David K. Bell
MAYOR