



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS
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Honourable Tony Van Bynen
 Mayor, City of Newmarket
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Dear Mr. Van Bynen:

The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) celebrates Respiratory Therapists Week, October 26 to November 1, 2014. This week-long celebration serves to recognize respiratory therapists (RTs); educate the public about the varied roles of respiratory care and responsibilities of RTs; and to increase the recognition of the significant contribution made by RTs who are responsible for the well-being of individuals who suffer from asthma, COPD (emphysema) and other respiratory illnesses within the community and in hospital settings.

Respiratory therapists are specialists in airway management, and the treatment of respiratory related conditions, educating patients and their families regarding their respiratory condition and associated treatments. RTs are instrumental in saving lives. They work in a variety of high risk areas including intensive care units, emergency departments, operating rooms, neonatal nurseries and home care.

Respiratory therapists are responsible for among other things, the treatment of patients who have experienced trauma or are in surgery or intensive care units; assisting in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); stabilization high-risk patients being moved by air or ground; providing support in high risk deliveries of babies who experience difficulty breathing.

As an RT serving the community of **Newmarket** it is an honor for me to request, on behalf of RTs, that the city of **Newmarket** consider proclaiming October 26 to November 1, 2014, Respiratory Therapists Week, in recognition of the valuable role of respiratory therapist within the community.

Sincerely,

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