

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing to request that Fitzsimmons Bridge, be lit up purple in honour of Global Porphyria Day on May 18/2025. Global Porphyria Day is organized by the Global Porphyria Advocacy Coalition (GPAC) and its members. We are the Canadian member of GPAC and are a registered charity.

Porphyria is a group of rare blood disorders that have a wide range of symptoms. It can take years or even decades to get a diagnosis, and during that time patients suffer with strange symptoms. They may be told that their symptoms are “all in their head” while they suffer from, among other things, unbearable abdominal pain, or feel like their skin is on fire when exposed to sunlight.

Global Porphyria Day (previously International Porphyria Awareness Week) aims to raise awareness of porphyria, and advocate for access to care and treatment for porphyria patients around the world.

More information about Global Porphyria Day is available at porphyriacanada.ca/events

We are a non profit patient support organization, we help support Canadian's with porphyria and their families all over.

We want our porphyria community to see the awareness spread on Global Porphyria Awareness Day and feel less alone in this isolating disorder.

Date of lighting

May 18/2025

Colour

Purple

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Kelly Burns

Vice-President, Canadian Association for Porphyria



Landmark Lighting Request Form

Please complete the form and scan/email to corporate@whistler.ca along with your cover letter addressed "To Mayor and Council" with information regarding your campaign or cause.

We will contact you to confirm the status of your request.

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Brief description of the event associated with your request - 75 words or less <i>(Information here will be used for communications and the sign on the bridge. RMOW will edit copy if necessary.)</i>	On May 10/2025 we light up Canada #PurpleForPorphyria to raise awareness for the rare blood disorder Porphyria on Global Porphyria Day.
Optional: Social Media Campaign Title (include hashtags)	Global Porphyria Day #PurpleForPorphyria
Landmark Choice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge
Date of Event	May 10/2025
Colour Request	purple

Signature: Kelly Burns

Date: Jan 29/25

This application does not guarantee that your event lighting request will be approved or your date is available.