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To: Members of Stratford City Council

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Every year on March 24, we recognize World Tuberculosis Day, raising awareness and funding to help stop the spread of this deadly illness. This year's theme is "Invest to End TB. Save Lives," which emphasizes the need for financial resources in addition to other supports in order to help combat the disease. On March 24, 1882, Dr. Robert Koch discovered the bacterium that causes tuberculosis, commonly referred to as TB, a deadly bacterial infection that primarily affects the lungs. Today, 140 years after Dr. Koch's discovery, TB continues to be one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases. Every year, nearly ten million people become ill with TB, while over 1,500,000 people lose their lives to the disease.

TB is a treatable, curable, and preventable disease, and the illness and death associated with it are avoidable.

Kind regards,