

October 6, 2014

Ms. Lisa Slomke, Clerk  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Ave.,  
Fort Frances, ON, P9A 3P9



Dear Ms. Slomke:

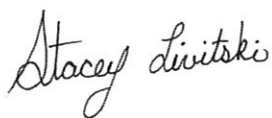
I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Diabetes Association's Northwestern Ontario Region to respectfully request that Mayor Roy Avis and the Town of Fort Frances join us in officially proclaiming the month of November as **Diabetes Awareness Month** and November 14<sup>th</sup> as **World Diabetes Day**. More than nine million Canadians are living with diabetes or prediabetes.

Volunteers, employees, healthcare professionals, researchers and supporters of the Canadian Diabetes Association are observing Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day as a time to help raise awareness and acknowledge the seriousness of diabetes.

We hope you will give official recognition to Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day by issuing the attached proclamation. It is also available in electronic Word format for easier insertion of the date of issue or for publication purposes. Please contact our Branch Coordinator, Richard Boon, at (807) 577-4232 ext. 224 or by email: richard.boon@diabetes.ca if you would like the electronic copy, or to return the signed Proclamation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Stacey Livitski,  
Regional Chair

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## **PROCLAMATION: DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a serious condition affecting more than 382 million people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, more than nine million Canadians live with diabetes or prediabetes, and

WHEREAS, this means one in four Canadians either has diabetes or prediabetes, and

WHEREAS, 1.46 million Ontarians currently live with diabetes, and

WHEREAS, the cost of diabetes in Canada is approximately \$13.5 billion and is expected to rise to \$17 billion by 2024, and

WHEREAS, the cost of diabetes in Ontario is approximately \$5.8 billion and is expected to rise to \$7.6 billion by 2024, and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to raise funds for research into better methods of treatment, and ultimately a cure, and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Diabetes Association is leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while working to find a cure, and

WHEREAS, maintaining positive health and wellness can in many cases lead to the prevention of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes as well as better diabetes management, and

WHEREAS, this year, the Diabetes Awareness Month campaign focuses on prevention and early detection of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes and people across Canada are being encouraged to take the CANRISK test at [DontBeRisky.ca](http://DontBeRisky.ca), and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Diabetes Association encourages governmental and non-governmental organizations to observe Diabetes Awareness Month and recognize World Diabetes Day in order to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications, and

THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as World Diabetes Day in the Town of Fort Frances. I call upon all citizens to combat this disease and its life-threatening complications by familiarizing themselves with the diabetes warning signs, making healthy lifestyle choices and by accessing the best quality of care that Ontario provides to its citizens with diabetes.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.