

May 20, 2015

Mayor Roy Avis
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Dear Mayor Avis,

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We are requesting the Town of Fort Frances consider proclaiming June, **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month**, to help raise awareness of these life-long, neurological conditions. Enclosed please find a sample proclamation for your convenience. The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charitable organization is proud of its 40 year history of delivering programs and services that improve the quality of life of children, youth and adults with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus through research, awareness, care and advocacy.

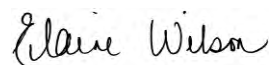
SB&H is working to inform the public through our education campaigns:

Folic Acid It's Never Too Early, an important message for all women of child bearing age and women in high risk groups. SB&H promotes the benefits of folic acid in reducing the incidence of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, by as much as 70%.

Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH), a neurological condition that affects adults 55 and older. This little known form of hydrocephalus is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's Disease. When NPH is detected early symptoms may be partially or fully reversed.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Elaine Wilson
Executive Director

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