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### **ACNBA Marking World Hepatitis Day in North Bay**

*Proclamation, Hep C Nurses' Clinic Rooms Tours, Awareness Events*

The AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area (ACNBA) will be marking World Hepatitis Day for North Bay, Monday, July 28, 2014 from 10:00 am till 11:00 pm at ACNBA's office at 201-269 Main Street West.

Hepatitis is inflammation of the liver which has a wide range of causes, the most common for chronic hepatitis (B and C) being viral infection. Hepatitis B and/or C can lead to cirrhosis of the liver, cancer of the liver and death. About half a billion people worldwide are currently infected with either hepatitis B or C.

- Approximately one million people die from hepatitis B and/or C each year.
- Over 30% of those infected have been exposed to both viruses.
- Nearly 250,000 Canadians are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV). (Public Health Agency of Canada)

Mayor Al McDonald will be reading the official World Hepatitis Day proclamation for North Bay. Everyone is invited to participate, meet ACNBA staff, tour our new Hep C Nurses' Clinic Rooms, enjoy some refreshments and get information on hepatitis A, B and C.

*For more information on ACNBA's World Hepatitis Day event go to [www.aidsnorthbay.com](http://www.aidsnorthbay.com) or contact:*

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