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#WHD2017 World Hepatitis Day in North Bay
Proclamation, Testing and BBQ at City Hall

The **AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area (ACNBA)** is marking **World Hepatitis Day, Thursday, July 27th** with a number of open events outside **North Bay City Hall**.

Mayor Al McDonald will read the official proclamation declaring World Hepatitis Day in North Bay. ACNBA staff, volunteers, peers and supporters including reps for **Nipissing MP, Anthony Rota** and **Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli** will join us.

Free, rapid hepatitis C testing will be available.

Attendees can enjoy free hotdogs and hamburgers at the on-site BBQ and take part in games to test your knowledge of viral hepatitis and win prizes.

Have your picture taken in our #ShowYourFace #WHD2017 selfie booth!

All are welcome!

Hepatitis facts:

- viral hepatitis is an **inflammation of the liver** caused by viral infection
- nearly **600,000 Canadians** are affected by hepatitis B and/or C
- **it can take decades** before symptoms appear
- **an estimated 44%** of those infected **are not aware** of their status
- **one in 12** people worldwide has **viral hepatitis**
- approximately **1.4 million people die of the disease annually**
- liver experts recommend that **those born between 1945 - 1975 get tested for hepatitis C.**
- **there is a vaccine** for hepatitis A & B, but not for hepatitis C
- **there is a cure** for hepatitis C

When: Thursday, July 27, 2017
10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Outside North Bay City Hall

For more information on ACNBA's World Hepatitis Day event go to www.aidsnorthbay.com or contact:

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