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Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
L'Association des infirmières et infirmiers
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SUDBURY & DISTRICT CHAPTER

If you have news you would like to share through our newsletter, please forward these items to Maria at mcasas@rnao.ca.

ENGAGING WITH NURSES & NURSING STUDENTS

Our annual Nursing Week celebration in May saw a great turnout of nurses and nursing students. In addition to good food and networking opportunities, the celebration included a presentation by Maureen McLelland, Regional Vice President Cancer Care and

Vice-President, Social Accountability at Health Sciences North (HSN), who reviewed the strategic planning process undertaken at HSN.

Nursing Week was also proclaimed in the City by Mayor Brian Bigger.



David Groulx
Chapter President

Brian Bigger
Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury

Maria Casas
Political Action ENO

SPEAKING OUT ON EMERGING ISSUES

Over the past few months, the Chapter has been working in the local community, with support of RNAO home office, to advocate for continued planning and implementation of a Supervised Drug Consumption Site.

We have continued to monitor the progress of the City of Greater Sudbury Community Drug Strategy, encouraged Sudburians to participate in the public consultation process, discussed this issue with local MPP's, and accessed local media to help educate the public about the need for such services, and to dispel myths about substance use and users.

We are anxiously awaiting the results of the consultation process from the Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury and will continue to support efforts to address harms associated with substance misuse.



QUEEN'S PARK ON THE ROAD



As part of RNAO's annual *Queen's Park on the Road* event, members of the Sudbury Chapter met with Sudbury MPP Jamie West and Nickel Belt MPP/Health Critic France Gelinias over breakfast on October 15.

Each February, members of the Association travel to Toronto to meet with MPPs, Ministers, and the Premier at Queen's Park itself. While there, issues of concern are discussed and MPPs are asked to work toward resolving such issues. Additionally, each fall, a similar event is held locally in the consistency to further advocate for the needs of Ontarians.

This year, the local RNAO Executive highlighted the need for locally available supervised drug consumption services and for improved, regulated, and funded staffing for Long term Care Homes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us December 4th at the Caruso Club (lower hall) for our General Meeting. This year we are pleased to have Gary Petingola MSW, RSW and Sheila Damore-Petingola MSW RSW, join us. They will introduce mindfulness-based stress reduction practices to participants to support their personal and professional wellbeing. The mindfulness session will be interactive and is FREE!

The meeting will start at 1730, followed by dinner at 1815, and Mindfulness Session at 1900. Hope to see you there.

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