

*MEMBERS'S VOICES: November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024*  
*Speaking out for nursing: Speaking out for health*

**Member:** Michael Roach

**Representing:** Chapter - Sudbury

**Reporting Period:** November 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

**END 1:** Chapter AGM - January, 2024 had several RNAO nursing and Student members present  
Scheduled presentation with Nurse Practitioner and Master of Nursing class at Laurentian university in February 2024

**END 2:** -Article in CTV Northern Ontario News interview with President and Sudbury Executive speaking in support of the Spot Jan 29, 2024. Interview was also featured on TV news.

-Article in the Sudbury Star interview with President and Sudbury Executive speaking in support of the Spot Jan 29, 2024

-RNAO President and Chapter Executive interview speaking in support of the Spot Jan 27, 2024.

-RNAO President and Chapter President statement in the Sudbury.com article on Jan 25, 2024 speaking out for funding for Sudbury's safe consumption site

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Communication ENO radio interview on CBON SRC. CBC Fr Sudbury. Jan 26, 2024

**END 3:** See below items related to policy and political action

President visit in January, 2024 met with Hospital CEO and CNO to discuss nursing Health Human Resource Crisis, pending closure of safe consumption site and mentorship and new graduate initiative.

Also met with Public health Sudbury to discuss pending closure of safe consumption site and the need to advocate for comprehensive care for individuals seeking care across the continuum.

Chapter president participating in development of RNAO Harm reduction in acute care community of practice and is a member of the RNAO harm reduction webinar series planning committee.

**END 4:** - Following MPP meeting with Jamie West and France Gelinias in October, through Sudbury Chapter Past President, Policy and Political Action ENO participated in France Gelinias presentation of the private members bill regarding unfair fees charged by private clinics.

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-Policy and Political Action ENO and Chapter President will be participating in Queens Park Day in February 2024

-Policy and Political Action ENO wrote letters inviting MPP to Queens Park Day Breakfast.

**Other Comments:**