

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day

May 11, 2023

WHEREAS hepatitis B and C are among Canada's most burdensome infectious diseases – measured in liver damage, cancer, lives lost, and significant costs to our public healthcare system;

AND WHEREAS more than 204,000 people in Canada are living with hepatitis C, and more than 250,000 are living with hepatitis B;

AND WHEREAS hepatitis C is curable, and hepatitis B is vaccine-preventable and treatable;

AND WHEREAS Canada has committed to eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030;

AND WHEREAS Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day provides an opportunity to highlight the need for policies that support easy access to testing, treatment, and care for those affected, paving the way toward elimination;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Pelham does hereby proclaim May 11, 2023, as Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day.

DATED AT the Town of Pelham this 20th day of March, 2023.

Mayor Marvin Junkin Town of Pelham