

## **PROCLAMATION**

## MAY 9 - CANADIAN VIRAL HEPATITIS ELIMINATION DAY

**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;

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

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

**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, I, Brian Grant, Mayor of the Township of Wainfleet, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2024 Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day in Wainfleet.

Mayor Brian Grant