

Temiskaming Hospital

June 4, 2008

Hip Hip Hooray Walkathon 2008

If you see a group of walkers in the vicinity of the hospital on the evening of June 6, 2008 around supper time, do not be afraid. It will be those in our community that are participating in the annual national Hip Hip Hooray Walkathon.

This is the 15th year this event is being held in New Liskeard. Our local walk began when Dr. John Graham provided Orthopedic consultation clinics on an every other month basis. It is a symbolic walk to celebrate restored mobility. As much as it is a celebration and fund raising event, Hip Hip Hooray is a reminder that Canadians have an important health issue to address. With our aging population, demand for orthopedic surgery outweighs the health system's ability to supply it, evidenced by the lengthy wait lists for surgery. It is a national walk and is held in a total of 32 communities including 4 here in the North. The first walk occurred in 1992 and in most communities is held on the last Sunday in May. Our walk has historically been held on a Friday in early June. Originally it was based on Dr. Graham's clinic schedule.

This symbolic walk is 1 km long and we walk around the exterior of the hospital which conveniently is that distance. This also gives us the opportunity to walk indoors if the weather does not cooperate, like the walk last year that took place on the night of the severe winds when the hydro went out.

This is a fund raising event, held in conjunction with a barbecue by M&M Meat Shops. A portion of the money raised remains in the community to be used as we see fit and the rest is returned to the Canadian Orthopedic Foundation for research and education.

Please join us for the Hip Hip Hooray Walkathon and M&M Meat Shop barbecue on June 6, 2008 at the Temiskaming Hospital. Everyone is welcome to participate with invitations being sent to those in the community that have undergone total joint replacements from a variety of surgeons.



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Visiting Hours:

- 1000 to 2000 hours for medical patients, surgical patients and Long-Term Care patients;
- 1400 to 1600 hours and 1800 to 2000 hours for obstetrics;
- Visitors to the Special Care Unit (SCU) are restricted to immediate family and/or significant other(s).