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New Brunswick Dental Society disappointed in Moncton fluoride decision

Fredericton – The New Brunswick Dental Society is disappointed in the City of Moncton’s recent decision to remove fluoride from the municipal drinking water.

“Dentists know that water fluoridation is a safe and effective way to prevent tooth decay”, stated Dr Kent Orlando, President of the NBDS. “It is regrettable that Moncton is going to eliminate this tool.”

Representatives of the New Brunswick Dental Society attended meetings of Moncton city council in the spring to provide background on the subject, based on their experience as health care professionals. They urged Council to continue the policy of water fluoridation, saying it saves millions of dollars in public health costs and protects those who might not have access to dental health care, such as the elderly and low-income families.

“It is unfortunate that Moncton City Council chose to ignore our advice,” commented Dr Orlando. “However, our members will continue to promote fluoride and good oral health care habits as part of an overall health strategy and are willing to discuss options with their patients.”

Water fluoridation is supported by more than 90 health-related organizations around the world, including the World Health Organization, Health Canada, the Canadian and American Dental Associations, the Canadian Medical Association, the Food and Drug Administration of the United States and the Canadian Public Health Association. Both Canada’s Chief Dental Officer and New Brunswick’s Chief Medical Officer have also issued statements in support of continued municipal water fluoridation.

The New Brunswick Dental Society exists to promote professional growth, high ethical standards and quality care giving through communication, education and the regulation of dentistry in New Brunswick.

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