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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the support group in the community of \_\_\_\_\_

Please check statements that apply:

- This is a new application \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a survivor of brain injury \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a family member with a brain injury \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a professional in the brain injury field \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a citizen supporting this program \_\_\_\_\_

**There is no fee for membership in the Northern Brain Injury Association, and memberships no longer require renewal.**

I have read and agree with the Constitution, Mandate and the Guiding Principles of the Northern Brain Injury Association. I understand that I can terminate my membership at any time. I understand that membership can be terminated by the board of directors as stated in the Association Membership Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society is “Northern Brain Injury Association”.
2. The purposes of the society are:
  - (a) To build capacity in Northern British Columbian communities around support services for persons with acquired brain injuries & their families.
  - (b) To create and sustain a network of community supports for persons with abi & their families.
  - (c) To provide organizational development, resources & education for community brain injury groups throughout Northern British Columbia.
  - (d) To support the provision of brain injury education & injury prevention initiatives throughout northern BC.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The NBIA recognizes the isolation and remoteness of northern communities and undertakes to bridge these by connecting people affected by brain injury to services. The NBIA works with communities across northern BC to reduce the incidence of brain injury through effective prevention and education initiatives.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. The NBIA provides the mechanism to ensure education and information is available broadly across the north thereby reducing service duplication while filling the gaps in service.
2. Survivors of brain injury and their families who receive education and support are better able to rebuild their lives following acquired brain injury.
3. Living in a remote or rural part of the province does not reduce the need of survivors and families for personal supports.
4. Supports for northerners must be tailored to meet the unique needs of the individual, the family and the community.
5. Supports for northerners must always take weather, distance, availability of technology and road conditions into consideration.
6. Northerners and northern communities gain strength by balancing independence and cooperation with other northern communities.