

Polio still exists in the world? It sure does



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During the Rotary District 5040 Conference 2022 held in Prince George the community-service based organization held an End Polio Walk Saturday morning. | Citizen photo by Christine Dalglish

Polio survivor Ramesh Ferris was the guest speaker during the Seven Wonders of Rotary District 5040 Conference 2022 held in Prince George this week.

The community-service based organization took on many topics including disease prevention and treatment where Ferris talked Saturday morning about the efforts made to permanently eradicate the preventable disease from the world.

After his talk, the conference included a Polio Walk to raise awareness of their efforts.

Ferris was born in India and contracted polio at six months old because his birth mother didn't know there was a vaccine available to prevent it. At 18 months old he was sent to an orphanage and was adopted by Canada's Anglican Bishop of Yukon and his family in 1982, becoming the first International adoptee in the Yukon Territory.

advocacy efforts until we've actually crossed over the finish line and my hope is that we will all continue to remain steadfast in our commitment until we have a polio-free world."

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