



May 2009



The Prairie North RHA Board held its regular monthly meeting May 27, 2009 in Maidstone. Board members are pleased to share the following:

### **PNRHA 2009-2010 Budget**

- √ PNRHA Board members approved the 2009/10 Operating, Capital Equipment, Information Technology, and Capital Project budgets. The 09/10 Operating Budget projects revenues at \$210,918,948 and expenditures at \$210,912,096, resulting in a net surplus of \$6,852. The budget includes a \$25.6 million increase in revenues over the previous year's forecast of \$184.1 million. The majority (83%) of the increase is directed to cover salary and benefit cost requirements and medical staff remuneration.
- √ Board members agreed to \$2.1 million in new initiatives and service enhancements in priority areas, including the addition of 22.35 full time equivalent (FTE) positions, 16.1 FTEs of which are in nursing. New initiatives include introduction of digital mammography service and a respiratory therapy program at Lloydminster Hospital. Service enhancements are directed toward improving nurse staffing on the medical unit at Lloydminster Hospital, at Northwest Health Facility in Meadow Lake, in the Admission Unit at Saskatchewan Hospital, and in palliative care, infection control, public health, mental health, chronic disease management, and employee health services, to name a few. Other enhancements are planned for the Region's community therapy services and falls prevention strategy; education and learning support for continuing care; dietitian services; and communication and quality improvement.
- √ Board members approved the expenditure in 2009/10 of \$5.1 million on new and/or replacement equipment for facilities, sites, and programs throughout Prairie North. A further \$785,000 will be spent under the Region's Information Technology Plan and budget. Capital improvements are slated for nearly all PNHR facilities and sites under the Region's \$3.5 million Capital Project budget, including \$450,000 each for review of plans to replace Saskatchewan Hospital and redevelop Lloydminster Hospital.
- √ Work will continue in the year ahead on replacement of Northland Pioneers Lodge in Meadow Lake and construction by the Province of Alberta of a new 60-bed long-term care facility in Lloydminster.

### **2008-2009 Year End Financial Position - Auditor's Report**

- √ Prairie North Health Region ended the 2008/09 fiscal year with a \$2.2 million surplus, according to Audited Financial Statements tabled with the Board by Menssa Baert Cameron Odishaw Chartered Accountants. Total operating revenues for the year ended March 31, 2009 topped \$193.1 million, compared with actual operating expenditures of nearly \$190.9 million. The surplus is a significant turnaround from the \$620,000 deficit on PNHR operations from the 2007/08 fiscal year.

## Update - Maidstone Health Complex

- √ PNHR Vice-President of Development & Operations Lionel Chabot laid out the Region's plan to address outstanding issues relating to construction of the new Maidstone Health Complex in Maidstone. Community members have expressed concern in recent weeks with a number of items still unresolved since the facility was officially opened in June of last year. Among the concerns have been landscaping yet uncompleted and a number of deficiencies within the facility. Maidstone Communities in Bloom Committee representative Christine Pike and Maidstone Health Care Auxiliary spokesperson Marj McLaren were in attendance to discuss their concerns.
- √ Chabot and PNRHA Chairperson Bonnie O'Grady said they recognize and share Maidstone's frustration over the items yet undone. Chabot reported that over the past three to four months, the project contractor has been on site addressing construction deficiencies. The list has been reduced from 85 to 15, with continued progress being made. Additionally, PNHR has identified a number of issues outside of the project contract for which the Region will be responsible. Work on these items is to begin immediately and Chabot has set up a committee that will meet weekly to oversee progress until the work is complete.
- √ Chabot invited McLaren to serve on that committee, to which she agreed. Chabot is also seeking a member of the Maidstone Health Complex staff to participate on the committee. Through the committee, PNHR has promised to keep MHC staff and the community informed of the progress being made.
- √ On behalf of the Board, O'Grady thanked the Maidstone Health Care Auxiliary and the Communities in Bloom Committee for their ongoing support of the residents, patients, and staff of the Health Complex. The Communities in Bloom Committee will be working to complete landscaping at the Complex once outstanding ground work is concluded.

## Board Meetings

- √ All regular meetings are open to the public. Upcoming PNRHA Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

√ Wed. June 24/09	The Battlefords	Battlefords Union Hospital
√ July 2009	NO MEETING	
√ Wed. Aug. 26/09	Lloydminster	Lloydminster Hospital
√ Wed. Sept. 30/09	The Battlefords	Battlefords Union Hospital
√ Wed. Oct. 28/09	Meadow Lake	Northwest Health Facility
√ Wed. Nov. 25/09	Lloydminster	Lloydminster Hospital
√ Wed. Dec. 16/09	The Battlefords	Battlefords Union Hospital
√ Wed. Jan. 28/10	The Battlefords	Battlefords Union Hospital
√ Wed. Feb. 24/10	Lloydminster	Lloydminster Hospital
√ Wed. Mar. 31/10	Meadow Lake	Northwest Health Facility

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