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“Facility Improvements and Equipment Upgrades to Continue in Prairie North Health Region”

The provincial government is providing Prairie North Health Region with \$1.45 million for health facility repairs and equipment upgrades to improve the safety and comfort of patients and those who care for them.

“Infrastructure improvements are a necessary investment to keep pace with technological change and to repair and upgrade our health facilities,” says Don McMorris, Minister of Health. “We are following through on our promise to address this overlooked aspect of health care renewal.”

McMorris announced \$133.1 million in health system funding February 22.

The Ministry of Health provided \$750,000 of block funding to Prairie North for maintenance and infrastructure projects and repairs. PNHR will address the highest priority capital improvements needed in the Region. An additional \$700,000 has been provided to upgrade medical, diagnostic and safety equipment.

“We have identified a number of projects over the past several years that need to be addressed in terms of infrastructure improvements and repairs,” says Lionel Chabot, Vice President of Development and Operations. “This funding commitment assists us in checking off more items on our project to-do list and our equipment wish list, which is excellent progress.”

A list of infrastructure and capital equipment needs is now being reviewed and PNHR will be determining a priority list of improvements in the coming weeks.

“Our priority is improving the safety and quality of our facilities for the care, comfort and security of our patients, clients, residents and staff,” says Chabot. “We are taking great care to identify the areas where infrastructure upgrades will provide the greatest benefit for the people we serve.”

The February announcement also included \$2.2 million for the continuation of planning and development of the new long term care facility in Meadow Lake and the \$1.0 million Saskatchewan government share of the costs of the Lloydminster Emergency Room Renovation project, which is currently underway.

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