

Statement Re: Current Closure of Grenfell & District Pioneer Home

Mayor and Council for the Town of Grenfell join in its residents and those in surrounding service areas in expressing our extreme disappointment in the temporary closure of our Nursing Home as announced on August 22, 2018.

We share the immediate concern of the RHA in ensuring a safe work and living environment for the staff and residents of our Nursing Home, and for that reason support the RHA in its decision to remove everyone from the building.

We are deeply concerned with the short term and long term consequences this closure will have on residents and businesses in Grenfell. Everyone will feel the loss of the single largest employer in the town either directly or indirectly.

The Town will reserve comment on the future of long term care in Grenfell, as we await further word from the RHA and the Ministry of Health regarding plans for both the existing building and any potential new building. We have been in contact with RHA and our MLA Steven Bonk and all sides have agreed to remain in contact as developments occur.

The Town has been lobbying the Government of Saskatchewan for a replacement Nursing Home for over 30 years, and had a very positive meeting in February with Hon. Greg Ottenbreit, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health. The Government has repeatedly stated its commitment to long-term care in Grenfell, and after this recent closure our residents, Mayor and Council eagerly await word of what is next for our town.

We ask that all residents remain united and positive in our goal for replacement of our Nursing Home. We also wait anxiously for the result of the test on the current building to know a timeline as to if/when our residents can return to Grenfell.

If you have any questions or require clarification on anything, we ask that you please direct your comments to the Mayor or a member of Council, and we will address your concerns as best we can.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council
Town of Grenfell