

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – MINISTER OF HEALTH OFFICE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Mayor and members of council travelled to Regina to meet with Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister of Health; Hon. Greg Ottenbreit, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health; and their staff. Key points of meeting are:

- We are still waiting to see the test results on the current home, should not take long, at that time a decision will be made on what to do with current building depending on extent of damage
- While this happens the Government is not waiting, they are moving forward with the new build process
- Government promises 1 of 3 things will happen (Renovation, Private Sector option with government funding for operations, Traditional Build)
- Expression of Interest (EOI) to be sent out next week to begin process of private build. This should take 6-8 weeks and Government will contact Grenfell at that point with results
- If no interest, Government will proceed with traditional build (will take time, budget constraints)
- Government is subsidizing residents relocated to private homes – not normal practice
- Some GPH equipment is following the residents to their new facilities to help accommodate them, all equipment is inventoried and will return

Takeaway: Ministers Reiter & Ottenbreit showed a great deal of compassion and understanding for our situation – particularly the impact it has on residents/employees/economy. It was evident that they are going above and beyond for us right now, and also making this project a top priority. They stressed that they are committed 100% to keeping Long Term Care in Grenfell. Hopefully within a few weeks we will know the extent of the damage in our current home and will know whether it can/will be fixed. Also hopefully in 2 months we will know the results of the EOI, and if positive a new build could begin quickly (no official timeline).

*NOTE: Details are sparse on what a private build would look like in terms of physical design and operations – as a great amount would depend on contract with SHA and company preferences.

HEALTH FOUNDATION

- Control over former hospital money, to be used for upgrades/equipment to current home at discretion of Foundation Members/SHA

Members – Rod Wolfe, Brian Hardy, Larry Parrott & Ken Neuls

- Fund A – Health Foundation Control
- Fund B – Donated Money to SHA, Targeted Money, SHA Control
- Balance as of March 31, 2017 - **\$432,000**
 - Info from RQHR Annual Report 2016/2017
 - We are waiting for word back on updated and broken down amounts

CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND

- Donated money for purpose of replacement
- Strict set of rules defining use of funds, how and by whom it can be spent
- April 1, 2009 a motion was made to move the money to a separate bank account where it began collecting interest
 - Since April 6, 2009 it has collected \$88,388.94 in interest
- Balance as of August 31, 2018 - **\$1,157,684.30**

FUNDRAISING

- Should the need arise in the near future to continue our fundraising efforts, a committee will be put in place – with the cooperation of council - to spearhead this effort