

September 9, 2018

Update regarding nursing home closure

Two weeks following the announcement of the temporary closure of the Grenfell & District Pioneer Home, residents continue to be relocated – a process we are told is largely complete. Once the final few residents have been moved, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) will enter the building to determine the extent of the mould contamination and make recommendations/decisions for what will come next.

Mayor and Council have remained in contact with Pioneer Home staff, the SHA and the Government of Saskatchewan. This upcoming week, the Mayor will be leading a delegation into Regina to meet the Saskatchewan Legislature with officials from the Ministry of Health, including but not limited to, the Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister of Health; Hon. Greg Ottenbreit, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health; and Moosomin Constituency MLA Steven Bonk.

We expect at this time that, along with the Town of Grenfell, the Ministry of Health is anxiously waiting results on the test that are to occur once the final residents relocate. We look forward to and appreciate this opportunity to meet with the Ministers and our MLA to discuss the future of the Grenfell & District Pioneer Home, and to discuss the significant impact this closure has had and will continue to have on the Town of Grenfell, its residents and its economy.

We continue to ask that if residents have questions or concerns, to please directly contact one of your elected representatives. The replacement of our nursing home continues to be a priority for the Mayor and Council, as it has been throughout this 30+ year venture.

Please enjoy your weekend – we will relay information as it becomes available to us.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council Town of Grenfell