



MINISTER OF HEALTH OFFICE, SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

September 11, 2018

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 the meeting are as follows:

- We are still waiting to see the test results from the current care home, should not take long, at that time a decision will be made on what to do with the current building depending on extent of the damage
- While this happens, the Government is not waiting they are moving forward with the new build process
- Government promises one of three things will happen (renovation, private sector option with government funding for operations, or traditional build)
- Request for Expression Of Interest (REOI) to be distributed next week to begin process of private build. This should take six to eight 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 care homes – not standard 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 and Ottenbreit showed a great deal of compassion and understanding for our situation – particularly the impact it has on residents, employees and the economy. It was evident that they are going above and beyond for us, and also making this project a top priority. They stressed they are committed, 100 per cent, 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 repaired. Also, we hope to know the results of the REOI within two months, and learn whether a new build could begin quickly (no official timeline).

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 and 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 information 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

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council
Town of Grenfell