

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The addition that will eventually house long-term care is now completely framed and the roof is in place. The last section to be framed was the centre dome due to a short delay receiving one of the huge laminated beams. The dome rests over the dining room creating an open and spacious community area. The dome also adds character to the outward appearance of the building.



Architect's concept drawing of two of the long-term care wings, long-term care entrance, and dome.

A new boiler system has been installed in the hospital making the older sections more comfortable. Heat for the addition is supplied by a portable heater which will be used until the spring.

The lines for in-floor heating are being installed. The interior walls will soon go up and define the interior space.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The power of volunteerism is not hard to witness in Preeceville and area. You need only look to the success of fundraising events. There is total community involvement in building this healthcare facility. And, it hasn't all been work! People from Preeceville and surrounding communities are quick to point out that events like the annual Musher's Rendezvous, including this year's snowball slingshot relay, talent show, snowshoe races, supper, and dance are **also a lot fun!**

Fundraising Committee activities:

- Lottery Draw (2006 and 2007)
- Bingo Night (2006 and 2007)
- Movie Night (2007 and 2008)
- Lite a Light Campaign (2007)
- Supper & Silent Auction (2007)
- Memorial & Bequeaths Initiative (2008)
- Corporate Donations Requests (2007-2008)
- Soup & Sandwich (2008)
- Toonie Donation Jars (2008)
- Live Auction (Furniture, Appliances, etc.) (2008)
- Live Auction (Local donations) (2008)
- Local Donation Canvassing (2008)

Other Fundraising Activities

- Musher's Rendezvous (Annual)
- Rockin @ the River (Annual)

Preeceville & District Health Centre
Local Share of Project Funding Required
\$3,640,000.

Cash Available for local share - \$2,183,245.

Future Commitments - \$742,685. (to be received over the next 3-10 years)

Still needed- \$714,070

Local Share paid towards project to date -
\$1,581,910.

The Town of Preeceville have entered into an Agreement with TD Canada Trust to borrow an amount of up to \$1.5 million to pay for the local share of the project should the funds be required when the cash available runs out. "While it is comforting to know that these funds are accessible," says Town Administrator Kathy Ritchie, "it is troublesome to then have additional costs of interest added to the monies required for the project. We hope the fundraising continues to be successful, so that a loan isn't needed."

The Health Benefits of Volunteering

The Voluntary Sector is an important contributor to the well-being of families, communities, and individuals across the country. People may not realize, however, that volunteering can actually improve their own health.

Social Environments and Health

The social environment is a health resource for community residents: community bonds, social interaction, and relationships that promote co-operation tend to ease the stresses of daily life.

Cohesion in a community reflects group membership, civic participation, community networks, levels of trust, and information-sharing inherent in social relations. For instance, cohesion means that a widowed senior would be watching out for her neighbour's children boarding and disembarking from a schoolbus, while her neighbours keep an eye out for the widow's house while she is absent.

These factors are resources for coping with stress, and are conducive to health, well-being and healthy lifestyle behaviours.

Increases in community participation, such as membership in voluntary organizations and levels of trust in a community, are reflected in increases in community health.

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