

Hosp. Agenda

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Mayor Lyman Clark
Village of Pouce Coupe,
5011-49 Avenue
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Dear Mayor Clark:

Re: Pouce Coupe Care Home

Over the past year we have had several discussions with regard to the Pouce Coupe Care Home and I thought it may be helpful to you and the members of the Pouce Coupe Council to provide you with an update.

As you may be aware the residents were moved to the new Rotary Manor in Dawson Creek during the week of November 23rd and by all accounts the move went very smoothly. In addition, we are adjusting the beds at Peace River Haven and the 28 residents are located on the main floor of the building.

As you know the Pouce Coupe Care Home has not been purchased and as a result, there are a number of processes that Northern Health is undertaking:

- **Aboriginal Land Claims**
Consultation with the appropriate First Nations bands was initiated in the last week of November at a Treaty 8 meeting. It will be followed by discussions with the Saulteau, West Moberly, and McLeod/TseK'here peoples. This is a requirement prior to disposal of government owned properties.
- **Equipment & Furnishings**
All equipment and furnishings that can be utilized in the Rotary Manor is being transferred. Items that can be utilized in other building in Northern Health will be re-located as well. Any remaining equipment and furnishings are being catalogued and they will be appropriately disposed (either through sale or disposal). These activities will be coordinated by Northern Health Material Management and Plant Services. Built-in equipment will be reviewed by Plant Services to determine the disposition of this property.

Prior to the move of the residents, the Pouce Coupe Historical Society was invited to remove any items of historical value or significance. They have collected the items that they wish to preserve in Pouce Coupe.

- **Winterizing the Property**
All necessary actions to appropriately winterize the building will be undertaken by Plant Services. It is recognized that the building will need to be secured as demolition will not be possible with the winter months setting in. Appropriate heating, lighting, utilities, as well as fire-retardant systems will be continued over the winter. In addition, the building will be hoarded to prevent unauthorized egress into the building and regular site inspections are also scheduled. Northern Health will not be engaged in aggressive snow

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removal of the full property and parking lots, however removal of snow will continue to ensure adequate security inspections and access by the fire department.

- **Demolition of the Building**
A consultant will be engaged to review and develop appropriate schedules and all other necessary preparation work for the demolition of the building as well as preparing the property for sale. Our target is to complete this work over the winter months with the demolition targeted for the Spring of 2010.
- **Disposition of the Land**
It is expected that the land will be placed on "Open Sale" following the final demolition of the building.

Finally, I anticipate that the processes that we use to dispose of the Pouce Coupe Care Home will be used again with disposal of Peace River Haven when the time comes. The Fort St. John capital project is scheduled for completion in mid 2012 and although we cannot provide exact time-lines for movement of residents from PRH, we expect that it will be before the end of year 2012. Before that time, there may be interested purchasers coming forward, in which case the dispersal plan will logically change significantly.

Mayor Clark, I do hope that my letter has covered most of the questions that you and your Council may have. If you do have additional questions, the Northern Health Team would be pleased to receive them and we will do our best to provide the answers.

Yours truly,

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