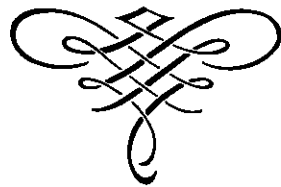


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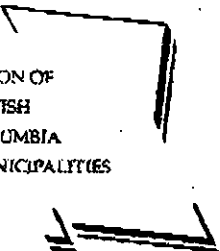
CORRESPONDENCE:

HC-3 October 5, 2007 Memorandum from UBCM regarding Grant Application Deadline
Reminder

REPORTS:

HR-4 October 10, 2007 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding a Health
Liaison Committee Meeting for October 14, 2007 in Dawson Creek, BC.

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To: Local Government Mayors, Chairs, and Administrators
From: Union of BC Municipalities
Date: October 5, 2007



RE: GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE REMINDER

Community Health Promotion Fund

Administered for the Ministry of Health

The Community Health Promotion Fund provides grants for innovative pilot projects that focus on healthy living and chronic disease prevention. There is a two-step application process. Expressions of Interest must be received by UBCM no later than October 19, 2007 and successful applicants will be asked to submit a completed Application Form by December 7, 2007. 'Age-Friendly' projects are eligible under the Community Health Promotion Fund in 2008.

Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative

Administered for the Ministry of Community Services & Ministry of Health

Pilot Projects - The pilot project program is designed to support projects that provide innovative responses to challenges in the provision of housing, transportation, and social services for seniors wishing to age in place and to support Age-Friendly projects. There is a two-step application process. Expressions of Interest must be received by UBCM no later than November 2, 2007 and successful applicants will be asked to submit a completed Application Form, with all required attachments, by December 21, 2007.

Dialogues - A 'Seniors in Communities Dialogue' is an organized exchange between local government leaders, seniors and others involved in the delivery of seniors' services. A simple application form is required to be completed. Applications will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee on an on-going basis and will be accepted until November 28, 2008 for events that occur no later than December 31, 2008. 'Age-Friendly' dialogues are eligible for funding in 2008.

Links for More Information

Application Guides for both programs - www.civicnet.bc.ca under 'Programs & Services' - 'Local Government Program Services.'

WHO Global Age-Friendly Cities Guide - www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global_age_friendly_cities_Guide_English.pdf

Check List of Essential Features of Age-Friendly Cities - www.who.int/ageing/publications/Age_friendly_cities_checklist.pdf

For more information on the Community Health Promotion Fund or Seniors Housing & Support Initiative, please contact Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer at (250) 356-5193 or dwelch@civicnet.bc.ca.

**Please make copies of this circular & distribute to
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Peace River Regional Hospital District

REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors of the Peace River Regional Hospital District
FROM: Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
DATE: October 10, 2007
RE: Meeting

It is recommended that a Health Liaison Committee (COW) meeting be called for Monday, October 15, 2007 commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional District office, Dawson Creek, BC

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current hospital funding commitments, long range commitments and capital projects.

Department Head: _____

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OCTOBER CONSENT CALENDAR

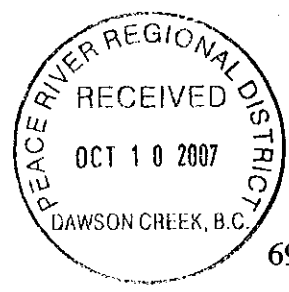
for the October 11, 2007 Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

HCA-1 October 5, 2007 letter from George Abbdtt, Minister of Health regarding ambulance services in the Peace River Regional District.

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Ms. Karen Goodings
Chair
Peace River Regional District
PO Box 810
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4H8

Karen
Dear Ms. Goodings:

Thank you for your letter of July 5, 2007, regarding ambulance services in the Peace River Regional District. From your letter, I understand that you have recently met with Mr. Rod McCartney, District Superintendent, BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) in the Peace District, to discuss concerns around ambulance service delivery and staffing.

BCAS strives to provide timely and high quality patient care to the citizens of British Columbia (BC). Without question, both the remote nature and vast geographic area challenges the Northern Region of BCAS in service delivery. I understand from BCAS that various strategies are available to ensure appropriate service delivery and that a number of these strategies are being used in the Peace District. In addition, these strategies are continuously reviewed to ensure the best possible delivery of care to patients. These strategies include appropriate use of ground and air resources.

With regard to the pay scale for paramedics within BC, you are correct in stating that wage scales are negotiated through a collective bargaining process with CUPE Local 873. In addition, changes in the staffing configurations of BCAS stations in the past few years have resulted in the introduction of pager pay (prior to pager pay, paramedics volunteered to be on call) and introduction of the standby model in medium sized or 'rural' stations resulting in a significant reduction in response times province-wide. These two changes have both increased the pay to paramedics in remote and rural stations and have dramatically improved response times.

Recruitment and retention of health care workers is a significant issue throughout the Province and, in fact, Canada. BCAS has and continues to develop new and innovative strategies to overcome recruitment and retention challenges. Recently, successes in recruiting have been realized in the northern part of BC both on the Queen Charlotte Islands and in the Robson Valley. I have been advised that the recruitment process used in these two initiatives will be implemented in the Peace District in the coming months. In addition, opportunities with Industry have and will continue to be explored and used to assist in recruiting and retaining paramedic staff.

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Thank you once again for providing feedback and insight into the Peace River Regional District. BCAS will be in touch shortly to further discuss specific initiatives, issues and solutions within the Peace District.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Yours truly,



George Abbott
Minister

pc: Ms. Sue Conroy, Chief Operating Officer, BCAS
Mr. Rod McCartney, Superintendent, BCAS, Peace Region

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