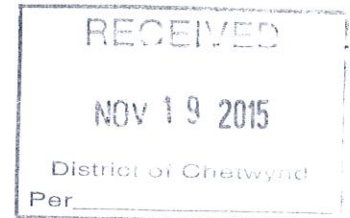


November 9, 2015

Mayor Merlin Nichols  
District of Chetwynd  
Box 357, 5400 North Access Road  
Chetwynd, BC  
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Dear Mayor Nichols:

**Re: UBCM Meeting September 22 & 23, 2015**



Thank you for meeting with us on September 22, 2014 at the annual Union of BC Municipalities convention in Vancouver. These meetings are an important opportunity for Northern Health to hear from communities. We very much appreciate the time you took to meet with us.

At our meeting, we discussed the status of physician recruitment and the primary care clinic in Chetwynd. I know that Angela De Smit, Chief Operating Officer has met with you further to discuss these topics. As you know, the services at the primary care clinic are stabilizing as the staff gain experience working with each other and in the new clinic environment. We continue to be grateful for the support provided by the District of Chetwynd that has enabled the new clinic to be established.

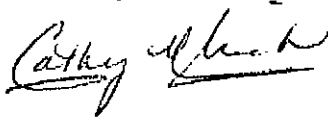
We also discussed future planning at the Chetwynd Hospital. Northern Health has plans to undertake a Master programming and Master Planning process later in 2016.

You also described some work underway related to a community bursary program. We committed to sending you contact information for loan forgiveness programs that exist in the province and contact information for the Northern Medical Programs Trust. The links are:  
<https://studentaidbc.ca/repay/repayment-help/bc-loan-forgiveness-program>  
<http://www.unbc.ca/northern-medical-programs-trust>  
<http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid>

We also discussed Northern Health's role in promoting health and wellbeing. In particular, Northern Health is interested in partnering with communities to build healthier communities and to address "upstream risk factors" and the underlying determinants of health. To this end, we have a number of initiatives available such as the Imagine Grants. I would encourage you to discuss this further with Angela De Smit and Fred Smith who can put you in contact with other contacts in Northern Health. Further information is available at:  
<https://northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthyLivingCommunities/ImagineGrants.aspx>

Thank you again for meeting with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Ulrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Cathy Ulrich  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Dr. Charles Jago - Chair, Northern Health Board  
Angela De Smit - Chief Operating Officer, Northeast  
Fred Smith - Health Service Administrator, Northeast  
Dr. Sandra Allison - Chief Medical Health Officer