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Mayor and Council, Town of Fort Frances
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Dear Mayor and Council;

In 2005, Mayor and council had a vision for health care in Fort Frances. That vision saw the formation of a new entity, "Fort Frances Community Clinic" (FFCC); a not-for-profit community-based corporation that would replace the current model of physician purchase partnership into a health care clinic. The strategic vision of council was to grow a resource rich health care system for its citizens by reducing barriers to physician recruitment through the elimination of physician buy-in model.

With the communication of this vision, a small working group was formed and began working towards the creation of a new corporation that would replace the existing physician business model. At the same time, the Ministry of Health was introducing the second wave of Family Health Team models for primary care delivery. Following negotiations, the working group, physicians and town administration arrived at a final deal which resulted in the formation of the Fort Frances Community Clinic. In addition, there Ministry of Health approved the start up of the Fort Frances Family Health Team (FF FHT).

The town's commitment was demonstrated through the provision of a 1 million-dollar, 15-year interest free loan that would see the clinic building purchased by the FFCC and see the final agreement come to fruition. The town further demonstrated their commitment to healthcare by supporting the FFCC's purchase of the old library and more recently through the considerable efforts of council and your administration to acquire the parking lot situated between the FFCC and the old library.

Over the past 13 years, the FFCC and the FF FHT have delivered quality healthcare to our citizens and continue to grow and expand primary care programs and services that meets the needs of our community. This is a collaborative effort between the Fort Frances Physicians Group and the FF FHT which provides an interdisciplinary healthcare team comprised of Nurse Practitioners, nurses and a Registered Dietitian.

With the continued growth and development of primary care services, the FFCC is a tired building that is bursting at the seams. With ongoing program development, increased service demands and the need to

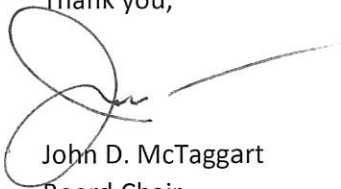
grow a resource rich and accessible health care system through physician and health provider recruitment, the FFCC is in the planning stages of a new clinic which would see a new build attached to the old library. A new clinic will provide a healthy and modern work environment for staff as well as an accessible healthcare clinic with expanded services to meet patient needs.

Today we have reached a significant milestone in the history of the FFCC. Through ongoing planning, development and a commitment to improved healthcare, the FFCC Board of Directors are making early payment on the outstanding portion of the original loan from July 2007. Please accept the early deliverance of this cheque as our final payment.

As we continue our move ahead towards a new clinic build and improved healthcare system, we want to thank the town of Fort Frances for your unwavering support and commitment of primary healthcare in our community; we are truly grateful.

On behalf of the Fort Frances Community Clinic Board of Directors.

Thank you;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John D. McTaggart', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D. McTaggart
Board Chair