

Appendix E

Application for Delegation / Deputation



REQUEST FOR DELEGATION / DEPUTATION BEFORE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

ALL DELEGATIONS / DEPUTATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION PRIOR TO THE AGENDA DEADLINE
All written or electronic submissions and background information for consideration by Council must be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 12 noon on the Thursday preceding the meeting. Electronic submissions should be submitted in Microsoft Power point, Microsoft word or PDF format. As per the Procedural By-law, there is a maximum of three (3) deputations allowed per meeting and delegates are given ten (10) minutes to make their presentation.

Preferred Meeting Date: June 28, 2021

I am requesting a delegation / deputation to speak:

- a) ☐ On my own behalf; or
b) ☒ On behalf of a group / organization / association (if b) please state name of group below)
Riverside Foundation for Health Care - Picture This capital campaign

Will you be providing an electronic formatted presentation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Speaker (s) – A delegation / deputation wishing to appear before Council shall be limited to a total speaking time of ten (10) minutes (regardless of the number of speakers listed). Please state name of speaker(s) below.

Allison Cox
Linda Hamilton and/or Meghan Cox

Subject of Presentation
Please describe below the subject matter of the requested delegation / deputation in sufficient detail to provide the Town of Fort Frances a means to determine its content and define how the matter aligns with Council's mandate / strategic priorities. All material needs to be provided to the Clerk by 12 noon on the Thursday prior to the meeting.
* See attached

(use a separate sheet of paper if not enough space allowed here)

Reason why this delegation / deputation is important to Council and to the municipality:
It will allow Riverside Health Care to provide a gold standard of care to residents of the municipality.

Date of Request: June 7/21 Signature of Speaker: [Signature]
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Scheduling will be at the discretion of the Clerk and will be confirmed prior to the meeting deadline. There are no guarantees that by requesting a certain date(s) your delegation / deputation will be accepted, as prior commitments may make it necessary to schedule an alternate date suggested by the Clerk.

Individuals who submit letters and other information to Council should be aware that any personal information contained within their communications may become part of the public record and made available through the Council Agenda process.

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June 7, 2021

Town of Fort Frances
ATTN: Lisa Slomke

Dear Mrs. Slomke,

I am writing on behalf of the Riverside Foundation's newly formed 'Picture This' capital campaign committee to request the opportunity to make a deputation at the regular council meeting on June 28, 2021.

Members of the 'Picture This' cabinet campaign including myself and one of our campaign co-chairs Linda Hamilton or Meghan Cox, wish to speak to the mayor and council to educate them on the 'Picture This' campaign. 'Picture This' is a \$1.5M capital campaign to raise funds for new Diagnostic Imaging equipment for Riverside Health Care Facilities. In addition, a formal request for financial support from the Town of Fort Frances for the campaign will be submitted.

The Picture This capital campaign will bring new state of the art health care equipment to the municipality, allowing Riverside to provide high quality care to residents of the Rainy River district, something that everyone should be afforded.

The following supporting documents are attached:

- Case Statement
- Request for support

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

Allison Cox

Allison Cox
Riverside Foundation for Health Care
Foundation Director



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June 7, 2021

The Town of Fort Frances

Dear Mayor Caul and Council.

The Riverside Foundation for Health Care is in the beginning stages of organizing a capital campaign to raise funds for new Diagnostic Imaging equipment for the Rainy River District. Our intention is to raise \$1,500,000 dollars by March 31, 2022.

Diagnostic Imaging equipment is an essential part of disease detection and treatment. Our current CT scanner and digital mammography machine have both reached their end of useful life, and our x-ray rooms at LVGH, currently running on an analogue system, need to be upgraded to digital to allow for easy integration with Rainy River Health Centre. The equipment purchases and upgrades will come with improved technology that will allow for greater diagnostic capabilities.

As municipal representatives, your commitment, support and leadership will be integral to the Foundations' fund-raising efforts in order to make this campaign a success. The Town of Fort Frances have always been great advocates and supporters of the Foundation, giving \$455,900 in the past to other initiatives and we hope you will consider making a pledged gift of \$60,000 over three years to this campaign.

If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to call Allison Cox, Foundation Director, at 807-274-4803 or email at allison.cox@rhcf.on.ca.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Allison Cox

Allison Cox
Campaign Director

Case Statement

A District Wide Campaign for Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. to upgrade the X-Ray rooms to digital and purchase an elevating table for the fluoroscopy room, a new CT Scanner and a new Digital Mammography Machine and Provide a Gold Standard of Care for the communities of the Rainy River District

Riverside Foundation for Health Care
March 2021



I. PREFACE

Early detection of disease saves lives! That is why we need the latest state of the art technology here in the Rainy River district to detect. It is for this reason that the Picture This Diagnostic Imaging Campaign is being launched to raise funds to upgrade the X-Ray rooms to digital and purchase a new CT Scanner and a new Digital Mammography unit right here in the Rainy River district.

The success of the Picture This Diagnostic Imaging Campaign will largely depend upon the involvement of Riverside's many supporters. With the commitment to quality local health care so clearly demonstrated by the people of the Rainy River district, Riverside has no doubt of the ultimate success of this initiative.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quality health care services in the Rainy River district are of great importance to all those who work, play and live in the community. State of the art equipment and new technology is part of providing quality health care services. Our current CT scanner was purchased in 2008, upgraded in 2014 and has now reached its end of useful life. The new system will come with improved technology that will significantly improve the images and allow greater diagnostic capabilities. The mammography machine was purchased in 2012 and is reaching its end of useful life in 2022. The X-Ray rooms are currently running on an analog system which does not allow for integration with the digital system in place at the Rainy River Health Centre. The machines are still in good shape so instead of replacement, an upgrade will be completed. Fully digital rooms will result in increased image quality and significant dose reduction of up to 80% from our current system, resulting in safer care to patients and a safer work environment for staff. Finally, the table in X-Ray room 2 will be replaced with an elevating table. The current table is too high and inaccessible for some individuals.

Building on the great success achieved in the Rainy River district with the success of the Just Imagine CT Scan and the Together We Can Digital Mammography campaigns, Riverside Foundation for Health Care is working to continue to help bring quality health care right here – close to home for all residents of the Rainy River district.

Through prudent fiscal responsibility, Riverside is in the position to move forward with the proposal for this technology. It has become increasingly more apparent that it is needed now, in order to meet a gold standard of care in diagnostic technology for all citizens who reside in the Rainy River district. The people Riverside cares for deserve to have access to quality medical services.

Riverside Foundation for Health Care is undertaking a capital campaign to fund the purchase of upgrading the X-Ray rooms from analogue to digital, an elevating table for the fluoroscopy room, a replacement CT Scanner and a replacement Digital Mammography unit for La Verendyre Hospital. Riverside Foundation for Health Care is looking for support throughout the District of \$1,500,000 and plans to rally support from

all citizens to demonstrate how highly they value a high standard of local health care through their commitment to this Campaign. Riverside trusts the people of the Rainy River District see the value and importance in saving lives.

III. BEGINNINGS

Riverside Foundation for Health Care was established in September 1997. The mission of the Foundation is to raise funds for Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. for the purchase of medical equipment, the support of patient and client services and the improvement of medical facilities.

Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. provides health care services to people in the Rainy River District and surrounding area at three fully accredited facilities and one Long Term Care Facility: La Verendrye Hospital in Fort Frances, Emo Health Centre in Emo, Rainy River Health Centre in Rainy River and Rainycrest Long Term Care. Riverside serves a population of about 20,000 people spanning an area of 20,000 square kilometres, including 10 First Nations communities.

Riverside's roots extend back over 60 years. In 1941 at the request of several community organizations, the Order of the Grey Nuns founded La Verendrye Hospital. In 1952, a new wing doubled the capacity of the Hospital. Many additions and renovations occurred over the ensuing years and in 1975, La Verendrye became a community-owned hospital. In 1979, a chronic care wing was built. Today, La Verendrye is a 60-bed facility which acts as the regional referral centre for medical, surgical and ambulatory care not provided by the Emo or Rainy River Health Centres.

The Red Cross operated the hospital in Emo and Rainy River until 1983. At that time the Canadian Red Cross transferred ownership of the hospitals, and this resulted in the amalgamation with La Verendrye. The three locations became known as Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. in 1989.

In March of 2005, Riverside was appointed by the Ministry of Health to assume the management of Rainycrest Long Term Care Facility located in Fort Frances, Ontario. Riverside also operates a non-profit supportive housing corporation.

Riverside Health Care Facilities is an important service in the community and has, and will, play an important role in determining the level of care that is received in the district. Riverside is very cognizant of the tremendous responsibility entrusted to it by the people of the Rainy River district.

IV. HOW FAR WE HAVE COME

Riverside is dedicated to providing quality, compassionate patient- and family-centred care, consistent with the needs of all of the people in the communities it serves throughout the Rainy River District. Services provided at the three sites include:

- 24-hour emergency services (La Verendrye and Rainy River)
- Urgent Care (Emo)
- Anesthesia and surgery (La Verendrye)
- Obstetrics (La Verendrye)
- Rehabilitation services (La Verendrye)
- Physiotherapy services (Emo)
- Intensive care medicine (La Verendrye)
- Diagnostic imaging (La Verendrye and Rainy River)
- Pediatric care (La Verendrye and Rainy River)
- Community counselling (La Verendrye, Emo, and Rainy River)
- Long-term care (Emo, Fort Frances and Rainy River)
- Chronic care (La Verendrye)
- Oncology (La Verendrye)
- Hemo Dialysis (La Verendrye)
- Telehealth (La Verendrye, Emo & Rainy River)
- Other Ambulatory Care services
- Ontario Breast Screening Program/Breast Health Network

In addition, Riverside makes valuable contributions to health education, research and community health programs throughout the District. Affiliations with several colleges and universities provide for educational and clinical experience for students of medicine, nursing, and rehabilitation. Riverside participates with the Northwestern Ontario Medical Program (NOMP) in providing clinical practice settings for students and “Family Medicine North”, a program for physicians.

Riverside Foundation for Health Care has had many exciting developments over the past 20 years. Highlights include:

- The new Rainy River Health Centre that opened in May of 1999 after 15 years of grassroots fundraising and commitment.
- In February of 2001, Emo Health Centre was re-opened after a redevelopment project was completed to bring the facility up-to-date and meet the needs of the community. The facility now includes 12 long-term care beds, three acute care beds, and urgent care and support services. The impact on the community has been enormous, particularly as it allows elderly residents requiring long-term care to remain in their community, close to family and friends.

This project was made possible by the commitment of residents in Emo and the surrounding area to the Care Close to Home campaign, as well as funding from the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care and Riverside.

- In September of 2001, a Hemo Dialysis Unit opened at La Verendrye Hospital. Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre provides this desperately needed service for all residents of the Rainy River district and region. The service

operates at capacity and recently extended its hours of operation to provide services in the evenings as well, which allows for additional patients.

- After a 2-year construction period, the much-anticipated Phase IV expansion and renovation project was completed at La Verendyre Hospital in April 2006. The project included a new surgical services department, new dialysis unit, new laboratory and an expanded and enhanced emergency department and diagnostic imaging. Also included in this project were a new chapel, a new quiet room and a new sterile processing department.

This \$12.2 million expansion was made possible by the strong support of the people across the Rainy River district that made financial contributions and commitments to the Care Close to Home campaign. The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc also funded it.

- The success of raising 1.5 million for the Just Imagine campaign to purchase the CT scan in 2008.
- The success of raising \$650,000 in 2012 for the Together We Can campaign to purchase a digital mammography machine.
- Over the past 10 years, over \$3,000,000 has been transferred to Riverside Health Care Facilities for the purchase of medical equipment and facility upgrades.

Riverside now boasts three first-class health care facilities in the Rainy River district that provide excellent health care to the population they serve.

Accreditation Canada continues to recognize Riverside's steady improvement in programs, facilities, and management and the continuing provision of high quality care. Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. was honoured to receive Accreditation Canada's highest honour "Accreditation with Exemplary Standing" following the organization's most recent intensive, peer-review process, completed in 2020.

V. THE NEXT STEPS

Beginning in April of 2021 we will launch a twelve month campaign to raise the \$1,500,000 needed to purchase the diagnostic imaging equipment and upgrades. In order to continue its commitment to providing a high standard of health care to the residents of the Rainy River district, Riverside urgently needs this. This will mean that people have accurate readings with the latest technology available for scans used in diagnoses and treatment.

VI. GETTING THERE: RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN

In recent years, hospitals across Canada have faced the challenge of reduced government funding for health care. Riverside is no exception. What is exceptional is how the people of the Rainy River District have responded to funding challenges and threats to the level of health care they expect and deserve.

On their behalf, Riverside has pushed for the right of local citizens to be cared for in their community, wherever possible. It has vigorously defended its programs and facilities, seeking continuously to improve care, while increasing efficiency and cost effectiveness. Riverside will continue to demonstrate its commitment to providing excellent health care throughout the campaign and in the future.

Riverside is confident the people of the Rainy River district will respond with enthusiastic support of the plans to achieve the next step in improving health care. Riverside Foundation for Health Care is turning to the communities it is honoured to serve for the support it needs now. Proud of its past and present commitment to quality health care, and confident of its future, Riverside will require the support of all of its friends to move ahead. The goal is no less than the provision of the best possible health care to the residents of the Rainy River district.

As such, the Riverside Foundation for Health Care is launching a \$1,500,000 capital campaign, while will mobilize all people across the district who are as committed as Riverside is to ensuring that local people have access to the best medical care locally.

VII. THE FUNDING GOAL

The amount required to move forward with the upgrade of the X-Ray rooms and the purchase of an elevating table, a new CT Scanner and a new Digital Mammography unit is \$1,500,000.

The operating costs will be funded by Riverside Facilities current operating budget.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Riverside is dedicated to providing quality, compassionate, patient- and family-centred care, consistent with the needs of the people in the communities it serves throughout the Rainy River District. Riverside's philosophy is to provide a high standard of health care with state-of-the-art equipment operated by well qualified caring staff.

In order to accomplish this, it is crucial that Riverside meets the gold standard of care in diagnostic procedures by continuing to provide state of the art diagnostic imaging services at La Verendrye Hospital for the benefit of all District residents.