

Addition to Council Report Jan.10, 2018

Health Care Auxiliary meeting with Sheila Marentette, IH temporary replacement for Kerry Mclean Small in attendance and Bernie Eason on conference call on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

I asked Bernie if there is any news on **Telehealth** coming to Clinton

She stated that work is currently being done by Mental Health for videoconferencing and telehealth. They are hoping to be able to do this at the Clinton site and to build capacity for other health care servicers to use this to reduce travel for patients.

She advised that the access issues are also being worked on at this time.

Bernie is currently working on a presentation of what is being planned for the Clinton site. She will be making a request to come to present at a council meeting once the presentation is finalized.

Home Care is Sheila's area of interest as she has worked in that for several years. There was much discussion about Home Care in Clinton. IH is assessing staff levels across the region. The level of staffing is based on work load. The challenge in rural sites is that there aren't a lot of casual workers. Ideally, they would like to create a pool of casual workers who can work between communities.

When asked why Home Care Workers are sent to Clinton from Ashcroft when we have workers living here Bernie said it is a matter of working with the union. If someone in Ashcroft has more seniority than someone in Clinton the person from Ashcroft will be given hours first.

She did say that once the Supportive Housing Project is up and running it should be easier to attract more Home Care Workers. Service requests drives the schedule for Home Care Workers. If there are five or six residents in the Supportive Housing Units who need Home Care it would make sense to have one worker service them all.

Thompson Cariboo Position: Sheila is in the position on a temporary basis. The role will be defined in April or May and the hiring process will begin for a full-time person. Sheila lives in Lake Country so she must do a lot of travel to manage Lillooet, Lytton, Ashcroft, Clinton and 100 Mile House.

Discussion was held on an **Adult Day Program** which could provide socialization for seniors living at home, respite for care givers, etc. Bernie said it would be ideal to be able to bring people to one place for planned activities, lunch, even bathing if the facility could handle that. She felt this could be a great plan to incorporate into the Supportive Housing Project.

There are guidelines for Adult Day Services. Sheila will forward the guidelines to the HCA.

Bernie said she has been working with Sonja to build a '**wish**' list for the Clinton site. If members of the HCA or the public know of something that is needed at the Clinton Site, they can let Sonja know so it can be added to the list. There is funding that becomes available at different times of the year. Anything over \$5000 goes on the Capital List.

The HCA members were very happy with the meeting and the items discussed. Bernie has offered to meet with the group when she comes to Clinton to meet with Council.