



*Happy New Year!
It's time to start
planning our work
for 2020*

*Important—
February Meeting
is the 18th due to
Family Day.*

Our **Navigating Healthcare Fair** last year was a great success. We have been approached a number of times to ask if we will make it an annual event.

We have recovered enough to think that we can do it again.

We will need financial support. Last year we received funding from United Way for the entire event.

Currently we are submitting proposals for grants to assist us.

We are also looking for people who would like to volunteer to work on the committee with us.

Areas to help are (choose one or more depending on your time)

- ◆ The Fair day—setting up and taking down.
- ◆ Putting up posters before the event.
- ◆ Attend planning meetings, to have some input into what we do.

Do you have a little bit of time? Join us.

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IH Community Meeting Follow Up

October 17th 2019

Interior Health came to town. Mayor Roden of Ashcroft worked with them to facilitate the meeting. They told us about the services we are supposed to have in our community. They told us we could ask questions, and they would answer them. They told us they didn't have time to answer all the questions, and they would send answers to the unanswered questions to Mayor Roden for communication to those who attended or were interested.

To date, we have not seen any answers to those questions. Here is the link to the video copy of the meeting. See for yourself.

Come to the February 18th meeting, we will be talking about this.

Healthcare Area Planning Table

Another meeting was held in January. Thankfully Leanne Davies was available to attend the meeting and the table has agreed that we can have an alternate..

LeAnne was appreciated for her expertise and input at the meeting and has been invited to join regularly in addition to me.

Information was shared about physician recruitment and the challenges they have assimilating into our communities. It was recommended the community embrace them more proactively than we have.

Interior Health is still working hard at keeping the emergency department open on weekends, staffing and recruiting is continuing to be a priority. It does have its challenges.

Mayor Roden has asked that a separate working group be struck to discuss emergency services and a seven day per week model. Tabled for later discussion according to Mayor Roden.

A new physician is rumoured to be arriving shortly, at the time of writing this newsletter, we are still waiting for some details about the new arrival.

Website Update

It is a slow go for us to complete the website. We are hoping to get some help from members or the public.

It isn't difficult, and you can do it from home, no meetings. :)

Come to the February Meeting and learn how you can help.