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Beautiful music

Residents of Fort Saskatchewan were treated to beautiful music and inspiring oratory as the Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival Association

week. More photographs of the Music Festival are on Page 3.

Fort envisions Centre of Excellence hospital status

By CARY HICKING

The wheels are in motion for the Fort Saskatchewan Health Care Centre (hospital) to become a Centre of Excellence for the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

A special meeting was held March 6 at City Hall with members of the Fort Hospital Board, health services and other interested persons, Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan MLA Rob Lougheed, Mayor Ken Hodgins, Councillor Valerie Holowach, former Authority board member Darlene Orsten and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, Pearl Babiuk.

Orsten said one of the recommendations of both Authority administration and consultant George Cuff was expansion of services at the Fort hospital.

"The eventual goal is a new hospital, to do the region proud, a hospital we can be proud of," Orsten said.

Babiuk said administration knows the Fort facility is one of the busiest in the region with the widest services.

She said there was no intention of downsizing or recommending closure to the facility.