



Healthcare and Wellness Newsletter



HAWC is very pleased to announce that we are currently planning with Interior Health Managers and our local MLA, Jackie Tegart to begin collecting community input for a comprehensive 7 Day per Week Healthcare Model. Consistency and Sustainability has always been our goal. January 2021

THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING SO HARD FOR.

An Expression of Interest by the CSC is being submitted this week with the approval of the local Healthcare Area Planning Table to begin the action plan to create the new model of care.

Interior Health has acknowledged that his process needs to be Fast Tracked to fix our model of care as soon as possible—Community Consultation is expected to start May / June of this year..

## In This Issue

- New local manager should be announced soon.
- Ian Wood—is now the permanent Director, Clinical Operations, Community & Primary Care, Thompson and S. Cariboo.
- COVID screener in place.

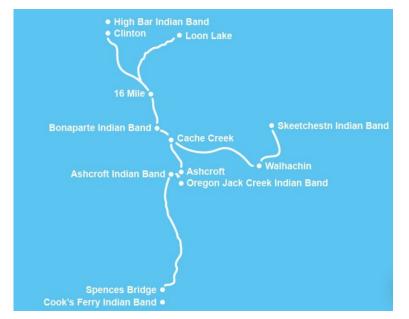
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A 7 day per week model including access to physicians, and other professionals to provide Primary Health Care and Urgent care to our communities.

Sustainable. Provides good quality and desirable jobs for our healthcare staff who have stayed with us during these challenging years and more easily recruiting to fill vacancies.

A model that provides access for all types of lifestyles, shift work, school, day shift, retired, weekend warriors etc.

**Consistent** 7 days per week, consistent days and hours, so you know when you can visit the site. A model that satisfies physicians and makes their recruitment viable.



## Fall seven times and stand up eight.

Japanese Proverb

Working with Interior Health—we will be looking for collaboration and consultation from the communities who are served by this site, to make sure we get this right and hear from the community members.

## How can you get involved?

Become a member of our group for news. Indicate your interest in joining meetings (virtual for now) to hear the plans, and give your feedback and input. Watch for public notices of meetings for consultation. It's important.

Email: info@ahawc.ca



Things to think about in preparation:

Patients transported to RIH by ambulance, do they need assistance getting home? How do we do that?

What services do we need here?

Pharmacy

Mammogram Mobile Clinic-at the health site?

Nurse Practitioner

What services need to be enhanced?

Improved support for Telehealth

Red Cross Loan Program

Physiotherapy

Diabetes

Mental Health-Intake and urgent response

Substance Use

Pre surgical Screening via Telehealth?

Specialist Consults-visits via Telehealth?

Respiratory Workers visits

Social Worker

**Outpatient Laboratory** 

Outpatient Xray (Holter monitor, ECG, pulse oximetry)

Adult Day Care

Blood bank-transfusions

How do we use what we have learned during COVID for alternate methods of care?

How do we support Clinton Health Centre as a satellite?

Transportation? Discharge from RIH after transport by ambulance.

And Many more I am sure.

• Ian Wood, Director Clinical Operations,



• Community & Primary Care, Thompson and S. Cariboo.

Ian has been spending some time working in Ashcroft to get a good sense of the site and the needs.

- A COVID screening position (s) have been hired and put in place at the entrance to the healthcare site 7 days per week.
- Be kind and patient when you enter, their role is to screen all people entering the building to determine their risk before entering.
- This person also works with Long Term Care visitors who are being carefully accommodated to visit family—so glad this is happening too.
- A new Manager of Clinical Operations for Ashcroft will be hired, we are waiting for details about the person and the arrival date. That was quick.