



Mayor's Communiqué

(December 2010)



Creston Town Council's main responsibility is to conduct the Town's business efficiently and effectively for our elected term. Our number one priority is to make sure that our community's infrastructure is well looked after – to maintain and preserve these essential assets so that they serve our community now and for generations to come. That means we always have our eye on water treatment, wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal and road maintenance.

Additionally, as is the case with many small rural communities around the Province, a major concern for the citizens of the Creston Valley is the provision of health services and an associated shortage of physicians. With the announced retirement of Dr. Paterson, coupled with the plight of existing "orphaned patients" (those individuals without a family physician), a community outcry is being heard. The recent "concerned citizens on health care" meeting held on November 10th is a strong indicator that many people are getting involved to voice their concerns on this subject and looking for both short-term and long-term solutions.

It is important that the public knows the Town, with financial support from Regional District Area Directors Kettle and Binks, have an existing Health Working Group Committee in place. This Committee continues to be responsible for recruiting physicians into Creston, utilizing tools such as the HealthMatch BC program. This Committee has been re-organizing for the past 3 months with a number of departures and new additions to the group. Building on existing research, the Health Working Group Committee is reviewing the current strategy to attract new physicians to the Creston Valley and determining next steps in ongoing physician recruitment.

Importantly, the Town of Creston would like to express its sincere appreciation to Deryn Collier for her exemplary service over the past several years, as physician recruiter for the Creston Valley. She recently received a letter of thanks and recognition from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for her presentations to 2 forums at the September UBCM Conference in Whistler, BC. We're proud to have worked with you, Deryn!

**As the last Mayor's Communiqué for 2010, I would like to wish everyone a very
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!***

I want to hear from you:

Please share your concerns, your experiences, and your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).

Thanks

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