

**Hodgson Area Renal Health Facility
Development Update
January 2010**

In collaboration with the Province of Manitoba – Manitoba Health, Health Canada, Manitoba Renal Program, Interlake Regional Health Association, Fisher River Cree Nation, Peguis First Nation, RM of Fisher Municipality, and Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation the following information is regarding the development of the Renal Health Facility adjacent to the Percy E Moore Hospital, Hodgson, Manitoba.

In 2007, the Province of Manitoba, authorized proceeding with the development of a new Renal Health Facility adjacent to the PEMH.

To date, with the direction and support of the above partnerships, a local corporation has been developed:

- **Hodgson Area Renal Health Corporation**
- **Partners:** Chief David Crate: 1-204-645-2171
Chief David Traverse: 1-204-394-2255
Reeve Dennis Dendeneau: 1-204-372-6393
Chief Glenn Hudson: 1-204-645-2359
- **Purpose:** “ To oversee and be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Dialysis Unit to support the delivery of renal health and dialysis services in the Hodgson area, including Peguis First Nation, Fisher River Cree Nation, RM of Fisher Municipality, and Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation”.

One of the requirements of this corporation is the implementation of a board which the partners are currently addressing.

In addition to further development of this corporation, by-laws have been implemented. A meeting has been scheduled on January 14, 2010 to review these by-laws.

The legal advisor in the development of this corporation is Brenda Johnston of D’Arcy & Deacon LLP. Brenda is a First Nations Lawyer and a band member of the Peguis First Nation.

Ongoing meetings are occurring with the corporation, Manitoba Health, Health Canada, Manitoba Renal Program and Interlake Regional Health regarding the capital planning and the resource structure of the Renal Health Facility.

Capital Planning:

- The Renal Health Facility will house 6 stations
- The site plan has been finalized
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) to Design-Build is in its final stages
- Local & Aboriginal content of the RFP is included for the infrastructure of the unit

Local Resources & Human Resources:

- The tentative number of nurses required for the unit is possibly 2-3 Registered Nurses and 5 Licensed Practical Nurses for a total of 7.4 nurses.
- A 9 week training program will be available for the qualified nursing candidates tentatively starting in November 2010
- The Renal Health Facility will have a Unit Manager & Facility Manager

To date, the corporation is awaiting the final authorization from the central government for release of the RFP (Request for Proposal) with the proposed start date of construction in the spring of 2010.

For further information regarding the development of the dialysis unit, please speak with your community corporation partner/leadership or Cindy Hart (interim contact personnel) @ 1-204-645-2689.

References:

Manitoba Health, Health Canada, Manitoba Renal Program, Interlake Regional Health Association and the Hodgson Area Renal Health Corporation.