

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Mountview Health Complex

The Town of Beaverlodge and their community partners are working to seize on an opportunity to harness the power of public-private-partnerships with industry partners.

In response to the Government's desire to invest in stimulus infrastructure and their campaign promise to deliver on P3 projects, the Town has today released a **Request For Partnership** on the APC web site to attract potential partners in the development of the complex.

The Mountview Health Complex Committee has been formed as a standing committee of Council by the Town of Beaverlodge, with added members from County of Grande Prairie, and the Grande Spirit Foundation, to help steer the advancement of the project and ensure public involvement.

"This Request for Partnership is a long-awaited positive step towards realizing our vision of a new health facility within the Town that can serve our residents and those of the West County. The Town of Beaverlodge is excited that this critical project is moving forward and is thankful for the supports of our partners and our community." – Mayor Gary Rycroft, Town of Beaverlodge

"The County of Grande Prairie is pleased that the Town of Beaverlodge is working to advance this project. This committee is a fantastic opportunity to explore partnerships to enhance health care available for west County and area residents in a transparent and responsible manner." – Reeve Leanne Beaupre, County of Grande Prairie

The Town of Beaverlodge and the County of Grande Prairie are expected to see continued growth within the Grande Prairie Region. Addressing the need for health services and support to the Grande Prairie Regional Health Facility will continue to be a high-level requirement of the region.

The Town of Beaverlodge's Municipal Hospital has come to the end of its life cycle. A new community health facility is needed in the Town of Beaverlodge to serve as a centralized location for health and emergency services in the West part of the County of Grande Prairie.

With this new facility there is an opportunity for a new service delivery model that would improve primary care, provide the services that the community requires, improve access and waiting times, while efficiently utilizing resources. Alberta Health Services has joined the committee as a committed partner in this process.