

# Joint Media Release – February 18, 2022

## **MUNICIPALITIES WORKING TO REPLACE NANTON HEALTH CENTRE**

The Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66, Town of Nanton and Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 announce an initiative to begin consultations with Alberta Health Services for the replacement of the Community Health Center in the Town of Nanton with a new facility.

In 2012 the three communities collectively purchased the Nanton Community Health Centre located at 2216-20<sup>th</sup> Street in the Town of Nanton. The Inter-Municipal Co-Ownership Agreement of 2012 established the “Nanton Health Centre Management Committee” and includes representatives of all three municipalities who manage the operation of the facility.

The Nanton Community Health Centre serves the residents within the region and currently has 3 medical doctors and a locum (Doctor who stands in temporarily for another physician), a nurse practitioner, lab services, physiotherapy, programs for diabetes, immunization, nutrition counseling, cardiology and other valued community health services.

A number of studies of the existing facility have been completed including: the 2015 Alberta Health Services Functional Programme Space Summary and a 2019 Preventative Maintenance Condition Assessment. These studies combined with ongoing occupant and user feedback indicate that the current facility has reached the end of its lifespan as a medical clinic and that a replacement facility is required.

Collectively the municipalities are intent on initiating a project to construct a new Community Health Center that will include negotiating a long-term lease with Alberta Health Services that will provide sufficient revenues to permit the construction of a new facility which will meet the long-term needs of the region.

### **Chief Elected Official Comments on the Nanton Health Centre Initiative:**

The Council of the Municipal District of Willow Creek is pleased that the Nanton Health Centre Management Committee has initiated a project to modernize the Nanton Community Health Centre in the Town of Nanton. This facility serves many residents in our region and we look forward to working collaboratively with the Town of Nanton and the Municipal District of Ranchland on this project.

**Reeve Maryanne Sandberg – M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26**

“The Town of Nanton looks forward to working with our partners and neighbours, the M.D. of Willow Creek and the M.D. of Ranchlands on the new Nanton Community Medical Centre project. We will be there to support the dedicated volunteers of the Nanton Health Clinic Committee move this much needed project forward.”

**Mayor Jennifer Handley – Town of Nanton**

Together with the MD of Willow Creek and the Town of Nanton, the MD of Ranchland supports the regional initiative to construct a new Nanton Community Health Centre.

**Reeve Ron Davis – M.D. of Ranchland No. 66**

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