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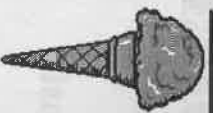
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to respond to the recent letters directed to me as a member of the Northern Interior Regional Health Board. The policy of the Board is that 'no changes in service delivery to any community within the Region will be detrimental to patient outcomes'. This has been the policy of the Board since it's inception and remains the policy. It is not the intention of the Board, as some are suggesting, to down grade the McBride and District Hospital. There are two primary areas of concern highlighted in letters I have received. One is in connection with the X-ray department. This is being addressed by the hiring of a well qualified Technician. Mr. Jody Korbo, to replace Prtman who has retired. Mr. Korbo is also cross trained in most, but not all Lab procedures. In addition he is Certified Cardiac Technologist. Regrettably there were some unfortunate situations during the time prior to Mr. Korbo's starting due to the fact that it was impossible to fill in all of the time. The other concern relates to the Lab and what can and cannot be done here and the wisdom of sending Lab samples to Prince George. I am not an expert in this area, but I have been assured that Dr. McGuinness, Regional Pathologist, and Dr. Rice laboratory director -McBride and District Hospital will be visiting the Valley facilities soon. These people are responsible to ensure that the diagnostic services provided are safe, consistent and timely. The purpose of their visit is to meet with the Physicians, Dr. Cowburn and Dr. Turner, Vic Chitchoine, Executive Director, the Lab and X-ray staff and the Nursing Staff to review protocol and procedures and deal with any short falls or problems in order to facilitate the physicians needs and insure that the system meets the need in a safe Consistent and timely manner. A delegation presented their concerns on these matters to the Village Council meeting Tuesday evening. The Village council agreed to organize a public meeting with people present who can speak to the concerns and answer questions from the public. A certain amount of apprehension always accompanies change. This is good in that it should help us to watch closely to ensure that the changes realistically meet the required criteria. Paranoia over change is not healthy. I am glad the people of this valley are concerned about outcomes and appreciate their support in keeping this before the Regional Board and Management.

-Bill Arnold

As was stated in the August 18 Valley Sentinel, we do have a weed problem in the valley. Knapweed at the Valemount end, Narrow Leaved Hawks beard in the McBride area, thistles etc, etc. It does affect each of us, some fairly minimally by more costly food & some drastically, such as the farming community. However, I don't think that anyone, farmer or not, will welcome a "Big Brother" approach to our weed problem. I may have been remiss in not suggesting this option this spring, but have been heavily involved in the defence of Women & Children from unconstitutional MCFC practices & must continue! The idea that I suggest is, if every able-bodied Social Assistance recipient or EI recipient spent one day per month picking, pulling or cutting weeds - the weed problem would soon be overcome. The need for spraying of chemical solutions with overspraying, undrspray & respray would become optional instead of a necessity. I am not suggesting that recipients of EI or Social Assistance be penalized for Governmental lacks. I am on assistance & would welcome the opportunity to "get out", were it not for my involvement in trying to change MCFC practices. Child apprehensions are the growth industry in B.C. now and I for one disagree with most of them. But, perhaps there are other recipients who feel strongly about the weeds & the increasing cost of food, who would be willing to spend one day per month working at this problem.

-Will Cunningham

(Letters to the Editor are peoples personal opinion and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Little McBride Paper)

COMING EVENTS

The Northern Interior Regional Health Board would like to inform the public that their Annual General Board Meeting is set for: 3:00p.m. Wednesday, September 8, 1999. In Room 103 at Prince George Regional Hospital.
McBride Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 7:30p.m., Thursday, September 9 in the lounge of the former nurses' residence (instead of September 6). New members are always very welcome!
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT
will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 10am. Fee is \$25 and includes a meal. Lots of prizes including the \$15,000 cash Hole In One prize. To Pre Register call Dean at 569-2712.

POLICE REPORT

August 20, 1999 - A break, enter and theft was reported at the McBride Curling Club. Cash and several bottles of alcohol were stolen. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information please contact the office at 569-2255.

August 20, 1999 - Police attended the CN Station to assist in the apprehension of a male who boarded the train in Prince George without paying. The male fled on foot and could not be located. No further action was taken, and the CN Police were notified.

August 20, 1999 - Police received a complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 16, west of town, and then another in town on Third Avenue. The vehicle was found on Main Street and the driver was given a 24 hour suspension and his vehicle impounded for twenty-four hours. He was also charged under the Motor Vehicle Act for driving without reasonable consideration and a \$173 fine.

August 21, 1999 - A local resident was checked while driving his vehicle around 01:30 AM. He was found to have consumed to much alcohol. His drivers license was suspended for 24 hours, and his vehicle impounded at his expense.

August 21, 1999 - Police attended a minor motor vehicle incident whereby a flatbed trailer struck a parked pickup while entering the McBride Esso. There was no injuries, but there was a significant amount of damage to the pickup. Information was provided to both vehicle owners and no further action was taken.

August 24, 1999 - A report of a minor vehicle accident was received. A male while backing his van into a parking place struck a parked motor cycle. There was approximately \$500 damage to the motor cycle. Information was provided owners of both vehicles and no further action was taken.

August 26, 1999 - A local resident was charged under the motor vehicle act for failing to yield when making a left turn off of Highway 16 onto Main Street in McBride after a complaint was received that this action nearly caused an accident.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Arnold:

Aug., 24/99

It is taken me a long time to write this letter. As an employee of this hospital I feel that my loyalty should be to the work place, however after awhile you can no longer sit back and be quiet when it not only effects my family, but the community as a whole. As you are well aware we have seen many changes in our hospital over the years, but never one as drastic as the controversy over our lab services. It was bad enough we lost our autonomy when we became regionalized, but when we give up essential services such as blood banking/cross matching and micro biology we have crossed the line. Not only is it not reasonable to rely on Prince George for our blood supply in a case of emergency, but it is also not safe. Using a universal type blood would be okay for the average person, but for others who have a lot of antibodies present in there blood this could be very unsafe. Having six to seven units of blood on hand is not adequate if someone is haemorrhaging, or if you have more than one patient that requires transfusing in an emergency. Letting our microbiology go is also insane, I realize providing that the time and the day of the week are correct the results can be faxed back within an appropriate time frame, however we all know what happens when you rely on a courier service, and a lab in Prince George that is already over worked. Therefore we all know we will not receive the service we deserve. The saddest thing about all this is that we currently have a person who is employed within our hospital who is capable of providing all the services you are about to give up. So please tell me why we are choosing an alternate and inferior solution. If you want to be honest with yourself, over the past eighteen years that I have been employed with this hospital we have done nothing but loose services. Everything including lab cut backs, dietary cuts, closing of an O.R., and losing your L.P.N.'S. In the days when we were an acute care hospital with a busy maternity ward, a functional O.R., and a lively emergency room, you were able to employ L.P.N.'S who worked along side R.N.'S and provided great safe nursing. Now we have less services, we no longer employ L.P.N.'S because supposedly a lack of adequate safe nursing skills are an issue, and we would be better served with two R.N.'S and nurses aides. Some how the picture doesn't look right. Perhaps you need to rethink about all that has happened to our hospital over the past years and decide, have we provided increased care and services for our community, or is the bottom line a financial one? The more we cut services or combine services the better our budget looks. I not only ask this as a concerned citizen, but also as a displaced nurse who has given eighteen years of service towards your hospital.

Yours sincerely
Jim & Karen (L.P.N.) Desormeau

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The Arthritis Society B.C. & Yukon Division. Open a door to greet a friend. You don't usually give this simple action a second thought - unless you have arthritis. For someone with arthritis, simple actions - like buttoning a shirt, making a child's lunch, even opening a door for a friend - can be very painful. Please give to The Arthritis Society during our door - to door canvass in September. You'll be opening a door to a friend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- September is Arthritis Month, and The Arthritis Society needs You! We are now recruiting volunteers to assist with the awareness and fund-raising for the McBride area door-to-door campaign. If you are interested and able to give four or five hours of your time during September, we'd like to hear from you. Call Georgina Fines at 250-569-0070 for more information.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE - There will be a PUBLIC MEETING in the Community Hall in DUNSTER on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 at 7:30p.m. to discuss the progress made to date in having the ROBSON VALLEY HAZARD LAND STUDY reschedd or annulled. The committee will discuss the results of the public opinion survey and outline our plans for the future. Please phone and remind your neighbours as we need to demonstrate a continuing show of strength!!

Powerhouse Pub is accepting applications for servers and kitchen staff.

Dunster Farmer's Market every Saturday 10:00pm to Noon from now until September. For more information call Stefi at 968-4310.

Thank You - to the following Business and people for their support of the Dome Creek Family Fun Days. IGA, McBride Bigway, Kal Tire, Fort Electric Hardware, Stedmans, McBride Clothing, Maurine McEachnie, Kevin Blangy.

McBride Figure Skating Club Executive Meeting September 7th at 8:00pm at 835 Bridge Road. Call 569-0040 for more information.