

Candle Lake Health Services Committee Initiatives 2023

The Health Services committee is lobbying the government and working with SHA to increase the health services provided to the residents of Candle Lake. To target the services that are most important to you we need your feedback and ideas.

Currently the committee is focusing on several initiatives.

- 1. Increase Health Clinic time to 5 days per week with full time Nurse practitioner service or physician coverage.** We are continuing the informational campaign with the government and are working with SHA leaders to increase their understanding of the community's needs. Read the "Discussion Paper for Candle Lake Health Services" linked to RVCL webpage – Community Services - Health Services.
- 2. Provide Phlebotomy service in Candle Lake - The health Committee is negotiating with SHA to allow a contracted Phlebotomist to service the community of Candle Lake.** The cost of this service could be shared by SHA, the village and the patient. Discussions with SHA are beginning in the next weeks.
- 3. Promote Utilization of Home Care Services in Candle** - Although most of us are fiercely independent we need to ask for assistance when there is a need. We encourage you to call or have your physician call the Prince Albert Home Care Office and request home care services when required. Phone: 306-765-2450.
- 4. Provide Virtual Care Service or Telehealth** – Many physician consultations can be managed successfully with a Virtual exam (using a camera and the internet). SHA could provide the required equipment to facilitate these Virtual exams here, at Candle Lake. We need to know if the residents of Candle Lake would use such a service. More information and planning are required.
- 5. Promote the expanded Scope of Pharmacists** - The Pharmacist can assess, provide advice and provide a prescription medication for a long list of minor ailments as your first point of contact.
- 6. Encourage CL residents to share their experiences and concerns about health care in the community.** To Share with Sask Health Authority contact the Integrated Northern Health Client Concern Office: northclientconcerns@saskhealthauthority.ca or call [1-833-484-2577](tel:1-833-484-2577).

The Candle Lake Health Committee wants your feedback and ideas as well. Are we focusing on the correct initiatives? Call the RVCL office and ask for a Health Services Committee member to call you. We need to hear your ideas or concerns to target our efforts to expand health services.

If increasing the provision of health care services in Candle Lake is important to you consider joining our team. Make your interest known to the Village Office or any Health Service Committee member.

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