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# New Land Location for Peace Country Regional Health Centre

(October 18, 2007 – Grande Prairie, Alberta) - Peace Country Health has reached an alternate agreement to secure 40 acres of land for the site of the new Peace Country Regional Health Centre.

In June 2006, the Region received an offer from Alberta Lands Inc. of a donated 40-acre parcel of land in the northwest quarter of the city for the new regional facility. For a variety of reasons, including land use plan requirements for road widening and municipal reserve, and time frames for subdivision, Peace Country Health and Alberta Lands were unable to reach an agreement in the time required. Peace Country Health recently began to look for an alternate location and have accepted an offer of donated land immediately north of the initial location.

“We do thank Alberta Lands and the Evaskevich family for the generous offer of land they made for this new facility in 2006,” said Board of Governors Chair Marvin Moore.

The new 40-acre parcel has been offered to Peace Country Health by donation from Henry Hamm of Dirham Construction Limited. At a special board meeting October 15, 2007, PCH’s Board of Governors approved a motion directing PCH to enter into an agreement with Henry Hamm to secure title of the new site location.

The new site is located on the northwest corner of 132 Street and 108 Avenue. The location offers a southward facing slope providing optimal direct sunlight exposure and has a more contained wetland.

The site provides PCH with more useable land within the 40 acres, relative to Municipal Reserve and road allowance requirements. Donation of the new location also includes provision of servicing costs and responsibility for all aspects related to subdivision and land use plans.

“The Peace Country Regional Health Centre is a very important project for the Region, and given our planning and construction timelines, and the volatile construction sector in the province, we need to ensure we have a site to start building on next year,” said Marvin.



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"I wish to extend our appreciation to Henry Hamm for his generous offer to donate land. Providing PCH with the ability to make this project a reality is a tremendous gift to the Region," said Marvin.

Dirham Construction Limited signed an agreement with Peace Country Health on October 16, 2007, to transfer title to meet project timelines.

Work completed to date on programming and schematics can be applied to the new site, without loss of planning time.

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