





BOARD MEETINGS | KEY MESSAGES

Mountain View Seniors' Housing (MVSH) Board meeting held January 25, 2018

• These are the key messages from the regularly scheduled MVSH Board meeting held at the MVSH Administrative Offices in Olds Alberta.

Key Messages

- The Board met with MVSH executive management team to receive updates on key risks, issues and activities.
- The Board acknowledged the good work and response by MVSH Maintenance Contractors in critical after hours support to emergent facility issues, snow removal and equipment breaks prevalent during the recent cold weather and winds over the recent holiday season.
- The Board approved the 2017 Audit Plan and the audit work for 2017 commences on Monday January 29, 2018.
- The Board gave final review and approval for the 2018 Budget and 2018-2022 Business Plan developed under Board direction and guidelines.
 - Included in the Board 2018 budget approval for \$14,851,103 was specific approval of the 2018 Municipal Requisition Request of \$1,278,462 and 2018 Resident Fees and Prices to be effective January 1, 2018 and July 1, 2018.
 - The Board supported MVSH following provincial government directives applicable to Municipalities for a wage freeze in 2018 and 2019 budgets.
 - The Board expressed concern related to the impact on MVSH operations for recent legislative and funding changes by the current government, specifically;
 - the impact of these changes for the 2018 budget included increased costs for vacation time for casual staff (\$208,000 annually),
 - a decrease in provincial funding grant (\$115,000 annually) for the government decision to increase the seniors guaranteed disposable income by \$50 per month several years ago and in 2018 removing the grant funding for this decision,
 - an increase in costs from the carbon tax which is not recoverable by MVSH (\$100,000 annually in 2018).









- the impact overall to MVSH in 2018 of sufficient resources to ensure care and services to residents are maintained, and to work towards a balanced budget.
- The Board supported 2018 budget management with a focus on;
 - o improving and maintaining resident quality,
 - achieving sustainability with stability in operations after opening of the new Sundre project,
 - improving current standards and consistency in care, services and operations,
 - increasing efficiency in operations,
 - continuing long term capital development planning for a 10 to 15-year capital project plan for replacement or major investment in facilities and shortlisting preferred partners to assist with the project work.
 - establishing a centralized purchasing function to ensure best price and best quality decisions for products and vendors.
- The Board expressed concern related to recent and proposed changes in funding models for health care delivery by AHS. The AHS contract funding models are changing to activity-based funding (ABF) for Home Care and patient care-based funding (PCBF) for Designated Supportive Living (DSL) setting standard activities and funding. The concern expressed was these changes may limit funding available for the appropriate care requirements for residents.
- The Board requested management reach out to AHS for better information on the changes, the impact to residents, the impact to staffing and to MVSH under contract for care delivery.
- The Board reviewed correspondence from the Department of Housing and the Minister related to processes for asset disposal of Community Housing units and the Foothills Lodge.
 - The next step in the asset disposal process for the 13 Community Housing units in Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs will see the Department of Housing writing to each Municipality to communicate their need and interest in these assets.









- The next step in the asset disposal process for Foothills Lodge in Sundre is for the Department to undertake an appraisal of the value of the property and facility.
- The Board requested MVSH visit each stakeholder Municipality to introduce the MVSH role and mandate for new Councils and to connect on local community issues for residents and housing.
- The Board acknowledges and supports the MVSH Foundation in its efforts to fund raise for MVSH residents and tenants, to assist with furniture and equipment for residents and with capital projects.
- The Board encourages all stakeholder Municipal Councils to support the 3rd Annual Powered by the People Gala and Fundraiser to be held April 19, 2018 in Carstairs. A letter will go out to each Municipality to request support and attendance.

Next MVSH Board Meeting

• Our next regular Board meeting will be Thursday March 29, 2018 @ 6:30-9:00 PM at the MVSH Administration Offices, in Olds, AB.

Contact or Questions

 If you require any information or there are any questions related to this communication please contact a Board Director, Alternate Director or Sam Smalldon, CAO for MVSH at 403-556-2957 or by email at sam.smalldon@mvsh.ca.

