



May 8, 2017

Serena Sjodin  
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Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce  
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Dear Ms. Sjodin:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 2017, where you shared a recent policy resolution passed by the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce regarding health services in Lloydminster.

The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to work within the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed in July 2014 with the Government of Alberta, to improve health service delivery in the Lloydminster area. This includes continuing to work actively with our partners on the Bi-Provincial Health Services Committee, including the Government of Alberta, Alberta Health Services, the Prairie North Health Region and community leaders.

Progress has been made on some of the areas identified in the *Lloydminster Integrated Health Services and Facility Infrastructure Needs Assessment*, for example development of a 3<sup>rd</sup> operating room at the Lloydminster hospital and the introduction of the Home First/Quick Response program.

As you may also be aware, planning to transition the current 12 Regional Health Authorities to a single Provincial Health Authority is currently underway in Saskatchewan. Although the launch date for the new Provincial Health Authority has yet to be determined, it is anticipated to occur in the Fall of 2017. One Provincial Health Authority focused on better coordination of health services across the province will ensure patients receive high quality, timely health care, regardless of where they live in Saskatchewan, and this includes the community of Lloydminster.

Planning is also underway to consider the governance and organizational structure of the new Provincial Health Authority.

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As that planning progresses, consideration will be given to the unique circumstances in the border city of Lloydminster.

Thank you again for sharing the views of your members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Max Hendricks".

Max Hendricks

cc: Tracey Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister