



FORT ST. JOHN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

March 1, 2005

Mayor Steve Thorlakson
City of Fort St. John
10631 100 Street
Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

Dear Mayor Thorlakson and Council Members,

The Fort St. John Hospital is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Hospital in 2006. The establishment of the Providence Hospital by the Order of the Sisters of Providence in 1931 was an important milestone in the history of the North Peace.

The celebrations will enhance the Communities on Bloom program of the City of Fort St. John and have economic, social and historic impact on the community and the surrounding area. The celebrations will include:

- a project of developing seven decade displays within the downtown core and connecting them with a walking tour.
- a publication of the history of the hospital and its impact in the development of the North Peace
- a search for all babies born in Fort St. John since 1931 filtering throughout British Columbia, Western Canada and further.
- a mural on the maternity ward of the Hospital available for all babies born in the hospital to be listed by name and birth date.
- an old-fashioned cake social on the hospital grounds on Saturday, July 22, 2006 honouring all attendees who were born in the Fort St. John Hospital.

The search for babies born here has commenced as of January 1, 2005 and hundreds of names and addresses have been registered with the Hospital Foundation. Families are encouraged to hold family reunions during the third week in July, 2006. This July, 2005, invitations will be sent to those living outside the area encouraging them to return for July 2006.

HOW CAN THE CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN BE INVOLVED?

The organizers of the 75th Anniversary would like to have assistance from the City to make the 75th Anniversary a success. Can the City do some or all of the following?

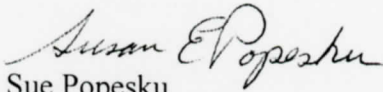
- include the search for all babies born in Fort St. John Hospital since 1931 and the community-wide reunion date of July 22, 2006 in appropriate promotional materials about Fort St. John and area.

- supply as many tents/tables/chairs as possible and a staging area for the Saturday, July 22, 2006 picnic on the grounds of the Hospital.
- if necessary for space expansion, allow the closing of the one block between the Ambulance Building and Immaculata grounds for the hours of the picnic during the day and provide city barricades for crowd control.
- provide a sponsorship of \$2000 toward the Hospital 75 Years of History publication.

The 75th Celebration of the Building of the Hospital could be the largest picnic Northern British Columbia has ever seen. Fort St. John businesses and organizations have one year to arrange specialized merchandise and activities for the tourists who will come to Fort St. John for this unique reunion.

We would like to have the City of Fort St. John work with us to make the 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Fort St. John Hospital a community-wide celebration to remember.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sue Popesku".

Sue Popesku
Executive Director



July 31, 2006

To: All Volunteers of the July 22 Hospital 75th Celebration Day

From: The Hospital Foundation and the Hospital Auxiliary

The celebration day of the 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Hospital was a great success. More than 2000 people attended the event. We served over 1000 hamburgers. 130 cakes were donated. 1000 registrants of babies born in the Hospital were added to the pre-registered 4600 babies.

Renewing old acquaintances and meeting relatives of friends and neighbors kept people talking all day. The seniors, in particular, enjoyed re-uniting with friends. Dr. Keith Dixon and Dr. Telford Miller returned for the event. We had many make the trip across Canada and others across various oceans to come to the 75th celebration. The two years in the planning was worth the excitement and satisfaction of providing a venue for everyone to reflect on the past and focus on Fort St. John, the place of their birth.

Thank you for your time and effort in making the 75th anniversary a success. A thank you listing all 282 individuals and businesses who helped with this event will be in the newspaper this Wednesday, August 2, 2006.

Yes, the weather was hot but judging from this past weekend, we were very lucky to have had nice, sunny weather.

We have some history publications still available for only \$5. Stop in to the Hospital Foundation or North Peace Museum to buy one for someone who might not have been able to come to the celebration.

Thank you for your participation and support. It was a historic day for the Peace Region and you were part of it.

Sincerely,
Sue Popesku
Hospital Foundation

Rosalie Brandl and Marion Sodergren
Hospital Auxiliary



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August 8, 2006

President Rosalie Brandl
Hospital Auxiliary
Fort St. John, BC

Dear Rosalie and Auxiliary Members,

The 75th Anniversary of the Building of the Hospital was a great success. Thanks for all your work, cakes, transporting food, worry over a reefer truck and more. You did a great job and the event went off well. Many people are still talking about it.

The financial statement is enclosed. As you can see we have \$3767.20 left.

I have asked Angela Desmit what equipment is required and what is really a need at this time. She said that commodes are really a need. I realize that commodes are not the most appealing equipment and very difficult to fundraise for. Neither the Legion nor the Shriners were willing to fund commodes. It just does not make for an appealing photo in the newspaper, I guess. Therefore I believe we should consider the commodes. They are \$1000 each. We could get 3 or 4 depending on a new quote.

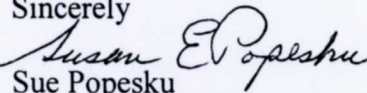
Another option is blinds and curtains to replace all the orange ones that have been in Maternity and Med Surg since the 70's. That cost has been on the books for some time at \$6645.91. We could find out what the latest quote is and either get fewer at this time or get additional funds from some other sources.

Please let us know at the Foundation office what you would like to see happen with the funds from the 75th. I believe we should make a decision soon and put this project to bed.

You will be starting to plan the 75th anniversary of the Hospital Auxiliary soon. Let us know if the Hospital Foundation can provide any information for your 75th celebration.

It was a pleasure working with all of you. You are an energetic and resourceful group.

Sincerely


Sue Popesku
Executive Director

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