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Hospital board coping with cutbacks

A budget shortfall of about \$350,000 at the Fort St John Hospital, as a result of a provincial government cutback in the budget submitted for 1982-83 will almost certainly force staff layoffs and increases in the charges made for hospital services, according to information contained in a hospital board press release issued yesterday.

'The specific cutbacks are 12 full time people, six of whom are in the nursing areas and the remainder are cuts in several departments varying from administration and finance to physiotherapy,' the press release stated.

However the board claims that the quality of service will not be reduced by these budget-trimming measures.

'We want our public to know that we have not and will not sacrifice quality... The cuts to reconcile our deficit have been made in such a way that no service needs restrict quality. You may sometimes find that longer waits may happen. Convenience may be cut, but quality will not.'

An announcement concerning staff cuts will be made Monday afternoon and the final decision on rate increases for hospital services, like admission to emergency and the use of x-ray and laboratory services, will be announced June 1.

According to the written statement patients receiving these hospital services in 1981 paid 'only \$2 for services which actually cost up to \$40.'

'Your board is continuing to meet and discuss what flat rate charges should be collected ... The users of those services will then be free to show us how much they value the services in relation to their willingness to put cash dollars on the line.'

LAYOFFS NOT FINALIZED

According to hospital administrator, Richard Wilson, the decision in terms of layoffs "isn't all finalized yet." He hopes that a way will be found that fewer people can be laid off by having some people work reduced hours or come up with plan the labourers can meet with.

"We are holding out until Monday with layoff notices. But if nothing is on my desk by Monday morning, 12 layoff notices will go out," Wilson

stated this morning.^{MAY 14, 1982}
He says there has been no drop in the demand for hospital services in the current economic slowdown but that the demand has at least stopped growing.

The hospital had a total budget of \$5.5 million in the 1981-82 fiscal year and had asked for \$6.9 million for 82-83 to be able expand services. However the government has only allowed them \$5.9 million, which is \$350,000 less than necessary to maintain last year's level of activity, Wilson claims.

"We have been allowed 7.6 per cent. But the actual inflation in costs is 15 to 16 per cent. We have union wage contracts to meet which have been already negotiated," Wilson explained.



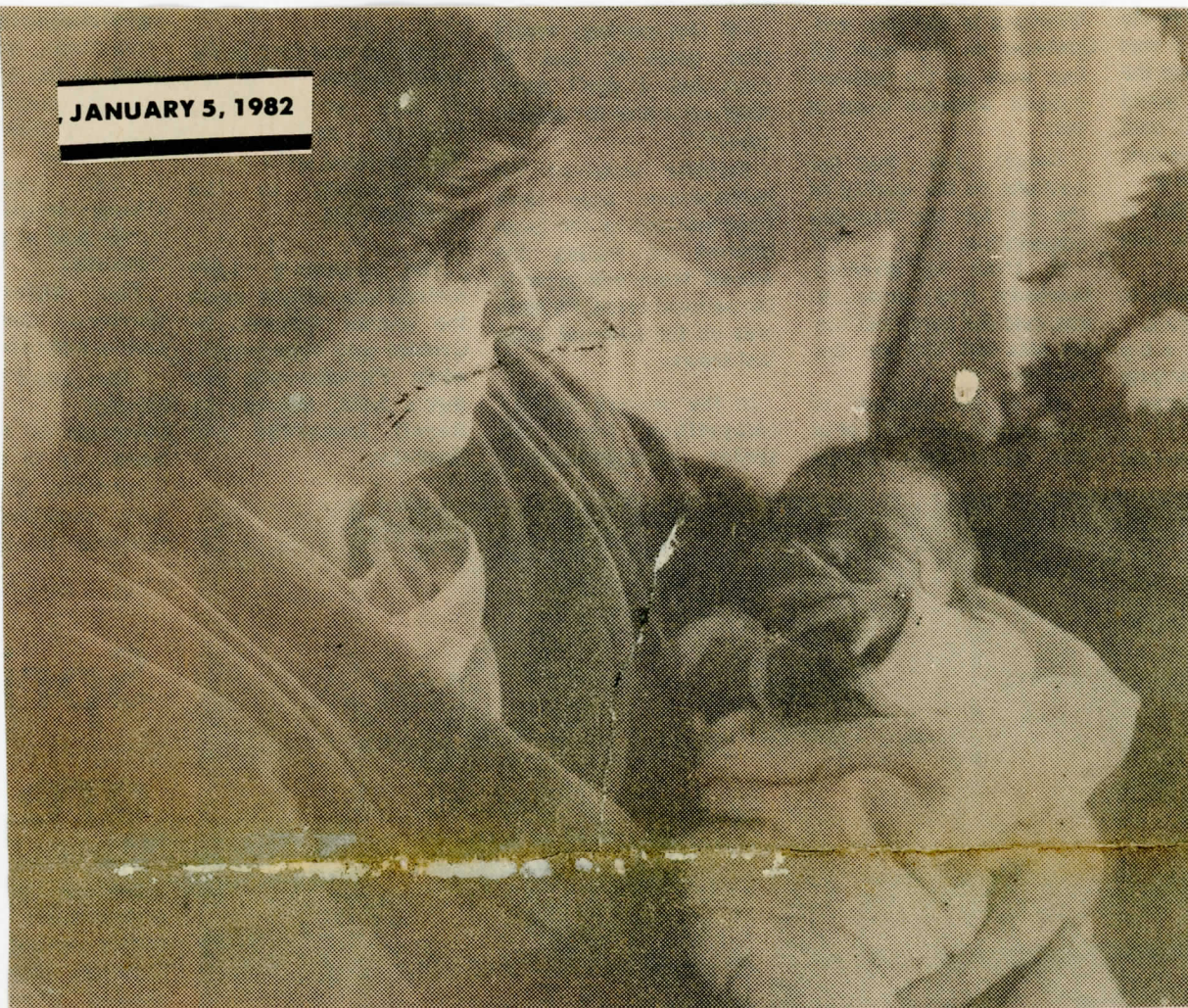
TEN TALENTED YOUNGSTERS were honoured by the Hospital Board public relations committee for their posters advertising Health Week. Pictured here at the Totem Mall where their work was displayed are (back row) left to right, Susan Paulsen of Taylor, Michele Lizotte of Wonowon, Trevor Kain of Clearview and

Geoffrey Spohr of Hudson's Hope. Front row, Pine Fenton of Hudson's Hope, Melissa Shutly of Hudson's Hope, Lori Lussier of Wonowon and Darren Hominski of Hudson's Hope. Missing are Grant Getschel of Wonowon and Christine Clark of Taylor.

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Fees are raised

Fees for emergency and outpatient visits to the Fort St. John General Hospital increased as of June 1.

True emergency visits will continue to cost \$4.00 per visit but all other visits to the Emergency-Outpatient department will cost \$10.00 per visit.

Out-patients having only laboratory or X-ray work done will be charged \$5.00 per visit. Day Care will remain at \$7.00.

In a press release, the Hospital

stated "On May 13, 1982, the Hospital Board of Trustees issued a press release stating what effect the provincial government's reduction in hospital budgets would have on our Fort St. John Hospital.

At that time, we also stated that the cost of services through the emergency department far exceeded the present user fees. Therefore, as of June 1, 1982, there would likely be an increase in fees for those using our emergency department.

After further discussions with medical staff, trustees and administration, a fee structure has been set up.

We have tried to keep the increases to a minimum."

Hospital W.A.

Coming events

The Fort St. John General Hospital W.A. hold their monthly meeting the third Monday of every month. In October we have our annual bazaar and bake sale, which is well supported by the members and the community. This year it will be held at the Totem Mall, October 30.

In January, 1982 was our annual dinner meeting and installation of officers. Our area rep Doris Holgsworth, from Prince George conducted the candlelight ceremony. The new executive is as follows: president Marion Sodergren; 1st vice Dianne Knott; 2nd vice Lorna Best; 3rd vice Marg Thompson; secretary Gert Berean; treasurer Debbie Ray; membership and publicity Rosalyn Baron.

We had a display at

Totem Mall during health week at which time we raffled an afghan donated to us by Leona Kraeleman. This was won by Frieda Strauss of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.

In May, four members attended the 38th annual BCAHA Conference in Vancouver.

Our wind-up wine and cheese party was held at Dorothy Snippa's home; president Marion Sodegren presented Muriel Mytron with a past president's pin and flowers.

Our next monthly meeting will be held September 20 at the hospital conference room.

New members are welcome. Anyone interested may call Marion Sodergren 785-3309 or Gert Berean 785-2838.

G. Berean
W.A. Secretary

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Head Nurse (maternity) Claire Harwood happily accepts a cheque for \$2,000 from Eric Graham of the Fort St John Kinsmen to go towards a birthing bed for the maternity ward. The \$10,000 project is being supported by other community

groups too, including the Hospital Women's Auxiliary, whose president Marion Sodergren was joined in the picture by Hospital Board trustee Pauline Hannaford. *DEC 2, 1982*

Thanks from the Hospital Auxiliary

Editor
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The Fort St John Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank their members and the public for making their bazaar of October 30, 1982 a great success. Also a big thanks to the Totem Mall for allowing us the use of the mall and the Fort St John

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Petroleum Club for the use of their tables. The winners for our raffles are as follows: \$50 Money Doll — A Todwich, Fort St John. \$25 Money Doll — Meranda Haugen, Dawson Creek. Doll, Crib and High Chair, Joan Gee, Fort St John. Wall Hanging, Leona Jak. M Sodergren
President

Funds coming for new bed

The city hospital's fund for a birthing bed for the maternity ward is \$2,000 richer thanks to a donation from the Fort St John Kinsmen. The bed, a \$10,000 item, is designed to allow more comfortable childbirth and was first considered by the hospital after suggestions were received from women using the hospital.

As a community project, it has already involved a couple of volunteer groups. The Women's Hospital Auxiliary has refurbished a labour room to accommodate the new bed and donated \$2,000 towards the

cost.

Their task was made easier by 4M Furniture which sold them furniture at a discount.

Two chapters of the Beta Sigma Phi are also raising funds for the bed. One chapter will be drawing a ticket tomorrow for a two minute shopping spree at Overwaitea.

The bed is welcomed by the medical and nursing staff at the hospital. It will enable a woman to

go into labour and give birth in the same room, in greater privacy and comfort than presently possible.