

Highlights Special Board

Eastmain, Quebec
October 22-23, 2013

Board members with Eastmain community members at the grand opening of the Eastmain Community Miyupimaatisiun Centre, October 22, 2013



Opening of Eastmain CMC

- The Board was present for the official inauguration of the new Eastmain Community Miyupimaatisiun Centre, and a community feast and dance was held to celebrate the opening and the 35th anniversary of the CBHSSJB.
- Pictures on the web at:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/creepublichealth/sets/72157636871371203/>
- The Board approved the issuance of the Certificate of Final Acceptance for the Eastmain CMC, which will trigger payment of the 5% holdback to the contractor.
- The project was completed for a total cost of \$15.4 million. The paving of the parking lot and a few small fixes remain to be done.

Cree Nation Governance

- Several Board members and members of the Executive will attend an information session on Cree Nation Governance Agreements, October 30-31, 2013 in Val d'Or.
- The session will explain the new regional government structure that will replace the Municipalité de la Baie James and that will involve shared governance by the Crees and the Jamésiens on Category 3 lands.

Mental Health Services

- In December 2012 the Board identified mental health services as a key area for improvement.
- The Executive Director presented a status report by Gregory Brass, Coordinator of Mental Health Services, and Dr. Rosy Khurana, physician in Mississauga. They are leading efforts to create a comprehensive mental health strategy for the CBHSSJB.
- The report detailed many administrative obstacles encountered, that are hindering progress on this file.
- The report underlined the urgency of the situation, particularly with respect to mental health needs of children and youth. Since the beginning of their work on this file, three suicides have occurred on the Territory.
- The Executive Director noted that there will soon be a budget deficit in Mental Health Services, due to the cost of the planning process as well as increases in services.
- The Board passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to this project, accepting several of the authors' recommendations, and allocating further resources to the budget (see next slide).

Resolution on Mental Health Services

BE IT RESOLVED:

- **THAT** the CBHSSJB Board of Directors reaffirm to prioritize the urgently needed Mental Health program for the communities of Eeyou Istchee and to increase the required resources;
- **THAT** an independent task force be established, consisting of senior staff & experienced consultants to take a lead role in the mental health planning process;
- **THAT** the nomination of a person responsible is mandated by the Board of Directors to lead the development of the integrated regional mental health plan;
- **THAT** an experienced consultant be hired, to carry out a needs assessment that includes community visits to conduct an inventory of existing and needed supports and services, environmental scan of external & internal mental health services;
- **THAT** given the Mental health needs for children and youth, especially for DYP and Youth Healing clients, are significant, a separate budget or increase of the budget for the psychological services for this client population be allocated immediately;
- **THAT** the budget for the Mental Health department be allocated appropriate funds, in anticipation of the increasing productivity in hiring consultants, workers and developing and implementing the Mental Health plan in the current and next fiscal year;
- **THAT** the services provided to the mentally-challenged clients living at the supervised home in Chisasibi be audited, reorganized and possibly expanded to include potential clients from other villages, all being beneficiaries who are entitled to receive appropriate mental health services and remain in the Territory;
- **THAT** the mandate is hereby given to the Executive Director to do all things necessary to carry out the foregoing.

Nomination of Physicians

- Dr. Darlene Kitty is President of the Council of Physicians, Dentists, and Pharmacists (CPDP – in French: CMDP) and Board member representing Clinical staff. She introduced this item.
- Doctors, dentists and pharmacists' nominations must be approved by the CPDP and the Board of Directors.
- Four nominations were approved:
 - **Dr. Marie-Lea Truchon, Full-time, Chisasibi**
 - **Dr. Cedric Yansouni, specialist**
 - **Dr. Turki Alahmadi, specialist**
 - **Dr. Julie Valere-Pilon, replacement/depanneur**
- All CPDP member nominations expire in December. At the December 2013 Board there will be a long list of renewals presented for Board approval.

Capital Projects

- Marcel Villeneuve, a senior consultant for the CBHSSJB, reviewed the status of capital projects (construction of new buildings), for the period 2013-2020.
- Villeneuve outlined the necessary steps involved in all construction projects:
 1. Acknowledgement of needs notice (requires Board approval)
 2. MSSS authorization to create PFT (plan fonctionnel et technique)
 3. Pertinence notice from MSSS
 4. Authorization to hire professionals (such as architects and engineers) – by public tender.
 5. Creation of preliminary plans/specifications
 6. Authorization to build
 7. Construction phase
 8. Inspection
 9. Certificate of acceptance / final payment (Board approval)

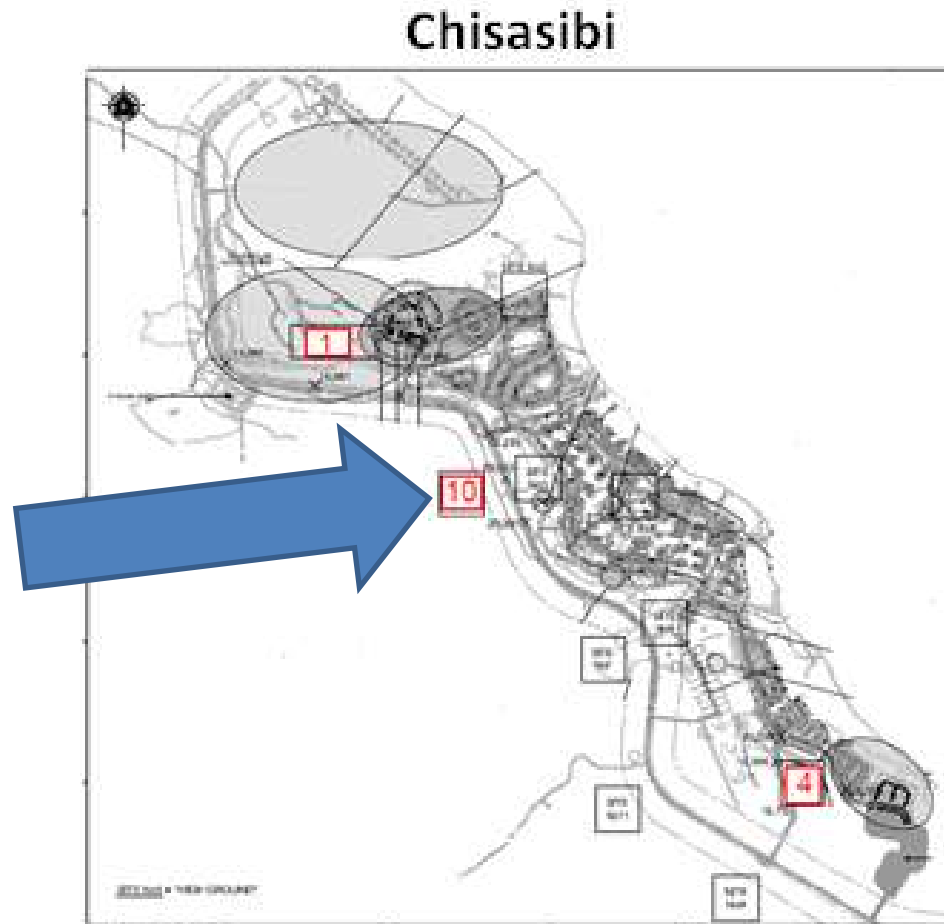
Capital projects (continued)

- The projects include:
 - Whapmagoostui CMC
 - Waskaganish healing and birthing centre
 - Oujé-Bougoumou CMC
 - Chisasibi Hospital, CMC, and Administrative complex
- Funding from the province of Quebec for capital projects is over \$41 million / year, for a 7-year total of 226 million, of which 62 million is earmarked for employee housing.
- The capital projects are scheduled so that spending is balanced from year to year, spending can not exceed \$41 million in a given year.
- Construction standards need to be adjusted to reduce the risk of mold. For example, by choosing non-organic building materials and increasing on-site supervision. The regional Public Health Department is giving input to this process.

Chisasibi Hospital Site Selection

- Since the September Board meeting, more analysis has been done on Site 10 (see next slide).
- This work confirms that Site 10 is the best option for the location of the new hospital complex.
- John Sam is the Talleyman for this land. He has been consulted.
- The CBHSSJB met with the Chief and Council of Chisasibi and gave a presentation at a public meeting with the community on October 17. Several local Cree Health Board staff attended that meeting.
- Chief and Council and the community members who attended the information session all support the choice of Site 10, in principle.
- CBHSSJB will continue to keep the Chief and Council of Chisasibi informed.

Recommended site for Chisasibi Hospital complex (site #10)



The site is located on the south side of Chisasibi Highway, allowing direct access to the highway by emergency vehicles. The proposed complex includes a Hospital/CMC, administrative buildings and employee housing.

Funding of IT Master Plan

- The 2013-2020 funding agreement with the MSSS did not include funding for IT – the agreement stipulated that this budget envelope would be negotiated separately because more time was needed.
- The Director of IT, Thomas Ro, has costed out the IT Master Plan, which was approved by the Board in December 2012. The amount required will be \$27.4 million over 7 years (2013-2020).
- MSSS has reviewed the IT Master Plan and agrees that it is a good plan.
- Budget documents can now be drafted by the CBHSSJB legal counsel, ideally for approval by the Board in December 2013.
- Once completed, the addendum to the funding agreement will be sent to MSSS, and subsequently to the Cabinet des ministres and eventually the Treasury Board of Quebec for approval/allocation of funds.
- In the interim, IT is being funded from the surplus.

Governance Training

- Louis Letellier, legal advisor, gave a presentation on models of governance in the Quebec health sector.
- This is part of a continuing series of trainings/capacity building for Board members of the CBHSSJB.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- December 11-13, 2013, Montreal
- February 5-6, 2014, Wemindji (Special Board)
- March 18-20, 2014, Montreal