



Tavistock Community Health Inc.

Hello

It's a snowy blowy morning as I write this note. Perhaps the weatherman knew that I was going to be talking about flu season and sent a blast of winter to get me in the mood. The Perth District Health Unit newsletter attached deals specifically with the flu and how to stay flu-free this winter. The newsletter also provides information about the new laws for booster seats. Parents, grandparents and friends/family who regularly transport children are all impacted by this recent change to the Highway Traffic Act. For the online version of the newsletter attachment, please go to www.pdhu-on.ca, click on Publications and Resources and then on HEALTH It's A Great Feeling.

Closer to home, we're busy with renovations at the Tavistock Health Centre, improvements to our Information Technology systems and getting ready for the upcoming Annual General Meeting of TCHI. Please check the highlights on these topics in this newsletter. You can also read about what's new ... and refresh your memory on Health Centre related issues ...online at www.tchi.ca.

If you have questions or concerns or simply want to talk about what's happening at the Health Centre, I encourage you to call me or drop in.

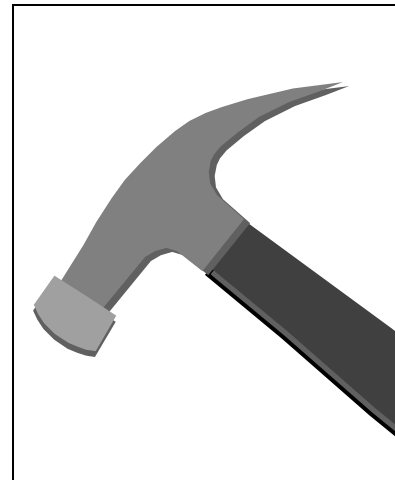
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Renovations

Last year saw the initial phase of planned renovations to the clinic. This entailed redesigning the front entrance and improving the general appearance, making the building wheelchair accessible, and constructing a newly expanded washroom for patients.

On a current basis and going forward, priority building upgrades include:

- Improving the fire detection system
- Installing new carpeting and ceiling tiles in selected areas
- Replacing chairs in the waiting room and exam rooms
- Repainting
- Constructing additional exam rooms to improve patient flow and make better use of nurse and physician time.



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Plans For IT Enhancements

The Tavistock Health Centre is currently using the latest version of Healthscreen software. We have had this medical software since 1999. Upon becoming a Family Health Network, the Tavistock physicians now can access funding (on the order of \$10,000 per physician over three years) from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for significant computer upgrades.

Going forward, we are considering two two new patient Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems. Final decision will await testing of these software alternatives.

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Annual General Meeting - Tavistock Community Health Inc.

Details concerning place and time will be available in March. Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend. TCHI members have voting privileges. Membership costs \$5 per person. If you bought a membership at last year's AGM, then you are a voting member for this year's AGM. If you made a donation to TCHI in 2005 (e.g. funeral home, cash/cheque, golf tournament) then you are automatically a member and have voting privileges at this year's AGM.

If you want to become a member and want voting rights at this year's AGM you can purchase a membership at the meeting.

TCHI is truly thankful for the ongoing donations from community individuals and businesses.

Monetary contributions to TCHI are used for a variety of purposes ranging from recruiting new doctors to purchasing needed medical equipment to ensuring that the building structure meets required standards.

One of our upcoming purchases is new comfortable chairs for the waiting room ... something many of you who spend time in the waiting room will appreciate. Who knows, you may even want to make a donation to assist with the purchase.

TCHI is a registered charity. Receipts for income tax purposes are provided.

**Your Ongoing
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Truly Appreciated**