

# Horizon's Community Update

## October 2017



The following updates were provided to the community from the Horizon quarterly Board meeting.

### **Midwives at Horizon**

On October 13, Horizon's first registered midwives introduced into the province's health-care system started accepting clients in the Fredericton region. You can reach the midwifery office at 506-452-5896.

### **Community Engagement**

Horizon President and CEO Karen McGrath began her second tour of Horizon in October which is focused on gaining feedback from staff on her vision for Horizon. During her first tour, Karen had an opportunity to gain an understanding of services and programs within Horizon and began building relationships with staff, volunteers, foundations, auxiliaries, and community leaders.

### **Community Health Needs Assessments**

All 17 Community Health Needs Assessments throughout Horizon's 22 communities have been completed. An update on the outcomes in Miramichi and Neguac will be featured in the upcoming issue of the publication *In Your Community*. Previous issues featured the successes in the areas of Saint John, Grand Lake, Fredericton, Oromocto, and Petitcodiac, Salisbury, Elgin and Havelock.

### **Physician Recruitment**

In 2017, Horizon has recruited 26 specialists across the organization, including the recent addition of two thoracic surgeons. This significant recruitment effort brings the number of vacancies for specialists down to seven.

### **Accreditation**

Accreditation Canada will commence its onsite survey and interviews at Horizon from September 16 to 23, 2018. Horizon participates in the voluntary Accreditation Canada Program to maintain and improve the quality of care and services it delivers.

### **Financial Results**

Horizon is reflecting a slight surplus of \$588,999 as of July 2017.

### **Major Projects Announced in 2017**

Advancements in health-care practices and enhanced standards of patient care have highlighted the need for major hospital upgrades. Work is underway at three of our facilities to enhance our ability to provide our patients with exceptional patient- and family-centred care into the future.

1. Horizon's Moncton Hospital  
\$35M Renovation of Women's/Newborn Services and Cardiac Care Unit  
Estimated completion: 2021
2. Horizon's Saint John Regional Hospital  
Approximately \$106M Expansion and Renovation of Surgical unit, Oncology, and ICU  
Estimated completion: 2024
3. Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton  
\$200M Expansion and Renovation includes a new three story addition  
Estimated completion: expansion 2024 / renovation of vacated space 2027