

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From September 16, 2014 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety Services Coordinator, presented information on Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and an AED program in our sites.

An AED is a device used when a person has suffered a cardiac arrest (stopped heart) by delivering an electrical shock at the right energy and timing in order to restart the heart. The use of an AED with CPR (chest compressions) at the moment of an arrest greatly improves the likelihood of survival. The goal is to provide this life saving procedure in under 3 minutes so having an AED for public use can make the difference between life and death.

While there are many compelling reasons to have an AED program, an organization must look at all research, best practices and results. AEDs pose various concerns including device malfunctions and recalls, liability issues and concerns for cost and maintenance.

The Board has received this presentation as information.

For more information on AEDs please visit this website: www.Heart-Safe.ca

Annual School Council Reports

Schools within Northern Gateway submitted their Annual School Council Reports for Board review at the September 16th, 2014 meeting. The School Council Report reflects the activity of the School Council during the school year. The report provides information on the number of meetings and attendees, major activities, parental involvement and any major challenges their school faced during the year. A common goal for all schools to achieve will be to have more attendance at the school council meetings.

Early Enrolment

Based on the early enrolment report of September 5, 2014 at 4764 student FTE, compared to the September 30th, 2013 count at 4815.5 student FTE, enrolment across the Division has fallen by 51.5 student FTE. Final student FTE will be based upon the September 30th, 2014 count.

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New Alberta Premier and Cabinet Ministers

Newly sworn-in Alberta Premier Jim Prentice has appointed a new but smaller cabinet. The new cabinet has 16 ministers and three associate ministers, in addition to the premier, down from 19 ministers and 10 associate ministers under former premier Alison Redford. Prentice is also taking on the aboriginal affairs and intergovernmental affairs portfolios. Full cabinet as follows:

Jim Prentice: Premier, International and Intergovernmental Relations, Aboriginal Relations, no seat

Robin Campbell: Finance, West Yellowhead

Stephen Mandel: Health

Gordon Dirks: Education

Frank Oberle: Energy, Peace River

Jonathan Denis: Justice and Solicitor General, Calgary-Acadia

Don Scott: Innovation and Advanced Education, Fort McMurray-Conklin

Kyle Fawcett: Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Calgary-Klein

Wayne Drysdale: Transportation, Grande Prairie-Wapiti

Manmeet Bhullar: Infrastructure, Calgary-Greenway

Verlyn Olsen: Agriculture and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin-Camrose

Diana McQueen: Municipal Affairs, Drayton Valley-Devon

Heather Klimchuk: Human Services, Edmonton-Glenora

Maureen Kubinec: Culture and Tourism, Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock

Stephen Khan: Service Alberta, St. Albert

Jeff Johnson: Seniors, Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater

Rick McIver: Job Skills, Labour and Training, Calgary-Hays

Associate Ministers:

David Dorward: Aboriginal Relations, Edmonton-Gold Bar

Teresa Woo-Paw: Asia Pacific Relations, Calgary-Northern Hills

Naresh Bhardwaj: Services for Persons with Disabilities, Edmonton-Ellerslie

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Thursday October 2nd, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.