



Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region

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Infrastructure improvements benefit patients and staff at Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region facilities

Patients and staff in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region are benefiting from more up-to-date and safer facilities as a result of \$975,000 in provincially-funded renovations that are nearing completion.

The health centres in Creighton, La Ronge, Pinehouse, Sandy Bay and Weyakwin have all received infrastructure upgrades over the past two years, and \$125,000 in new funding has been approved for building maintenance and health equipment.

Some of the improvements made to the five facilities include new exteriors (roofs, siding, windows and doors) and air conditioning in Pinehouse and Sandy Bay; replacement of aging mechanical equipment in La Ronge; a renovated space for home care offices and supplies in Creighton; and installation of a walk-in tub for home care clients in Weyakwin.

"The government is committed to infrastructure renewal in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region, making the health system safer and more secure for patients, clients, visitors and health providers," said Minister of Health Don McMorris. "These investments are one more way this government is putting patients first."

The provincial government's \$1.5 billion Ready for Growth initiative provided the initial funding, with contributions from the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Government Services, which owns the facilities in Pinehouse, Sandy Bay and Weyakwin.

"We are especially grateful to the Accommodation Services Division of Government Services for their contribution to these projects," said Kathy Chisholm, Chief Executive Officer of the health region. "Not only did they provide significant funding for the renovations, but they worked closely with our staff to ensure that standards for healthcare safety were met in those communities."

"These investments support the Ministry's goal to improve the environmental performance of buildings that we own, or manage on behalf of other organizations," said Minister of Government Services Laura Ross. "I'm also pleased that the Ministry was able to work with staff from the Health Region to make these facilities safer for patients, health care providers and the public."

Government Services provided over \$715,000 and the Ministry of Health provided \$260,000 towards the cost of the improvements.

Additional enhancements can be expected in the coming year, thanks to \$45,000 from the Ministry of Health for building repairs and upgrades and an additional \$80,000 for medical and diagnostic equipment, part of a \$133.1 million financial boost for the health system, announced February 22.

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