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Mayor Shaigec and Council
Parkland County
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Dear Mayor Shaigec and Council

Re: 2012 Operating Requisition payment to The Evergreens Foundation

On behalf of the Evergreens Foundation, I would like to thank you for your payment of the 2012 Operating Requisition. I would like to take this opportunity to mention some highlights to date.

Whispering Pines Lodge, Grande Cache

We have moved forward with our plans for Level 3 care in Whispering Pines Lodge, allowing four individuals to transfer from the hospital into our Lodge. To house these newest residents, flooring was changed from carpet to a slip-resistant product in four suites and other relatively minor renovations were completed. Regrettably, funding ear-marked for this site has not arrived yet. Once it does, we will proceed with replacing the carpeting in the lodge dining room with non-slip flooring.

Otherwise, some landscaping enhancements have been completed and general maintenance work carries on.

Pine Valley Lodge, Hinton

We completed our replacement of all the shingles on the lodge this year. The lodge was originally roofed with 15-year shingles; the building is now 13 years old and the shingles were failing. No other major work is expected for the year.

The Pine Valley Auxiliary members continue to hold great fund-raisers to enhance the residents' quality of life. The group also works diligently every year at preparing and maintaining our flower beds. Lastly, congratulations to Manager, Dena Greanya, for being awarded a two-year Accommodations Standards' license due to her excellent inspection ratings!

Parkland Lodge, Edson

Considerable improvements to Parkland Lodge were accomplished in 2011 due to a provincial non-matching grant of \$325,000. However, due to its age, the building continues to need various upgrades. Unfortunately, our large make-up air unit has failed, replacement of which was not a budgeted item. The estimated cost of a new unit is

approximately \$55,000. We are able to absorb this cost at present, but the overall budget will be monitored as we get further into the year. A large budgeted item for Parkland Lodge is the installation of a new nurse call system. Our current system is not only out-dated, it is becoming unreliable. The new system will operate with pagers, not through loud-speakers, so it will be less stressful to the residents.

Cindy Hardy, previously the Assistant Manager, has been awarded the Manager position at Parkland Lodge following the move of Michele Lodewyk. This also necessitated the hiring of a new Assistant Manager, which was awarded to Sandra (Sam) Block.

Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge, Jasper

No major work is planned at our newest lodge, only normal maintenance. A new Maintenance Supervisor was hired April 1st and is doing a great job! We are happy to report that the Lodge is sustaining a 100% occupancy rate, indicating it is filling a need for the community. Over the summer months, our Operations Manager will be monitoring the promised improvements in food service provided by Alberta Health Services.

Sunshine Lodge, Evansburg

The Evergreens Foundation cost shares (at a contracted percentage) any building improvements affecting the common areas or general mechanics of the building with the Good Samaritan Society. The entire lodge portion was repainted in recent months. It's nice to see the "hospital green" replaced by a light beige! We will be obtaining quotes for the installation of new shingles in 2013. We are continuing to work with the Good Samaritan Society in addressing the menu concerns of our residents.

General items

Our union contract is entering its final year (June 20th, 2012 - June 19th, 2013.) Employee wages will increase according to the average CPI for the past contract year, or approximately 2.2%. Salaries account for approximately half of our foundation's operating budget.

As you may know, a GST audit in 2011 indicated that our Foundation was not correctly registered with Revenue Canada many years ago. This incorrect registration permitted us to claim only 50% of our GST back with respect to the Lodge Program, but we had been claiming a full 100%. We are now successfully "determined as a municipality" and hope to have all potential arrears reversed by the end of summer.

Once again, thanks to your municipality/town for supporting us in our continuation of services to the senior citizens within our communities!

Sincerely,

Tina Szegi, CAO
The Evergreens Foundation