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NEW MILD MAY COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION FORMED

The Mildmay Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee has met several times over the past year to transition the committee to the newly formed **Mildmay Community Health Foundation** which will supervise operations of the Mildmay Community Medical Clinic.

The Ministry of Government Services has issued Letters Patent for the establishment of a Corporation Without Share Capital to be known as the **Mildmay Community Health Foundation**.

The object of the Foundation will be to:

- Facilitate the delivery of primary health care to the residents of the Community of Mildmay which refers to the former Village of Mildmay, the former Township of Carrick and the Hamlet of Formosa including that part within the former Township of Culross. Special emphasis will be given to encouraging residents to take ownership of their own health.
- By leadership, example, education and bringing primary health care close to home, contribute to the improvement, over time, of the overall level of wellness in the community.
- Maintain a primary focus on the efficient and effective use of the Clinic facilities. This will include ensuring operations of the Clinic are self-sustaining and not require taxpayer support for both operating and necessary capital expenditures.
- In conjunction with the Brockton and Area Family Health Team, ensure the on-going recruitment of health care professionals as required. Maintain representation on the Brockton and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee to recruit doctors as necessary.
- The Foundation will be the vehicle through which residents of the community of Mildmay and others with historical attachments to the area, may donate or make bequests to community initiatives that contribute to the overall well being of residents.
- Funds raised will be utilized to; provide the required medical equipment to facilitate delivery of primary health care; fund educational programs and, at the discretion of the Board contribute to other community initiatives that have positive impacts on the health of residents, e.g. seniors exercise programs and early childhood physical activities programs.
- Critical functions of the Board will be to respect the wishes of donors who request that their donations be directed to a specific organization, facility or purpose; manage all funds raised from donors, bequests and surplus funds generated from clinic operations, in a responsible and professional manner to maximize returns, (with due regard to safety of any investments made), on surplus funds and make informed decisions on the utilization of such funds.

It is implicit in the special provisions of the Letters Patent that all income from funds invested will be used exclusively for the benefit of residents of the Community of Mildmay, which refers to the former Village of Mildmay; the former Township of Carrick and the Hamlet of Formosa including that part within the former Township of Culross. All residents of the Community of Mildmay are invited to join the Foundation for an annual membership fee of \$5.00 per person. This will entitle members to vote on adoption of the By-Laws and to let their names stand for election to the Board of Directors.

An inaugural General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009 at 7.30 at the Mildmay Carrick Recreation Complex. Membership application forms will be available to fill out from 7.00 PM onward. Only paid up members of the Foundation will be entitled to vote at this inaugural meeting and subsequent general meetings.

Copies of the draft General By-Law are available to all residents of the Community of Mildmay and may be picked up at the Crier office or by downloading from the Municipality website at www.town.southbruce.on.ca

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