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Twin Lakes District Planning Commission Heliport Groundbreaking Ceremony

New heliport to enhance emergency response capabilities in the Nipawin Region

Nipawin, SK: July 18, 2024—The Twin Lakes District Planning Commission (TLDP) is pleased to announce a groundbreaking ceremony on July 22, 2024. This ceremony will showcase the critical people who started the project and are working to ensure the nearby municipalities receive the healthcare they need. The ceremony will take place at 11 am on the 22nd, 2024. This ceremony will showcase the critical people who started the project and are working to ensure the nearby municipalities receive the healthcare they need. The ceremony will occur at 11 am at the Nipawin Hospital Heliport site.

The Twin Lakes District Planning Commission (TLDP) has achieved a key milestone in healthcare infrastructure in the Nipawin region by Commissioning CandorBuild Construction to build a state-of-the-art heliport at the Nipawin Hospital. This project addresses the need for rapid medical evacuation and transport, ensuring patients requiring urgent care are transferred to larger medical centers without the previous delays caused by multiple transfers.

Currently, patients needing transport by STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) or other air ambulance services face the challenge of enduring several transfers and potential delays. These obstacles can significantly impact the outcomes for critically ill or injured patients when every minute is vital. The new heliport, set to become operational this Fall, will streamline this process by allowing direct transfers from the hospital to air transport. This advancement reduces the risks and time involved in patient transfers and conserves valuable local resources.

At the Groundbreaking Ceremony, we will hear from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, CandorBuild Construction, Shelia Seiferling from the Twin Lakes Planning Committee and many others who have helped create this project.

Kyle Stromme, Councillor for the town of Choiceland and part of the Heliport Technical Team showed his enthusiasm about this project: "We are excited to break ground on the new heliport at the Nipawin Hospital, a project made possible by the incredible generosity of our communities within the Twin Lakes geographical area. The Twin Lakes District Planning Commission (TLDP) extends heartfelt thanks to all the local donors and supporters whose contributions have brought us to this great milestone. This heliport will greatly enhance patient care by

reducing transfer times and improving overall safety. Together, we are building a brighter future for the Nipawin and area communities."

The TLDPC invites you to join them on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 11 am to celebrate the beginning of this significant project. This project will significantly improve the lives and medical response of many people in the region's nine municipalities

About Twin Lakes District Planning Commission: The Twin Lakes District Planning Commission serves nine municipalities in the Nipawin region. It focuses on regional planning and development initiatives that enhance community well-being. The Commission leads efforts to improve infrastructure, promote sustainable growth, and foster regional cooperation.