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Mr. Robert Simpson
Chair CRD Health Board

Re: AED pads and battery replacement

Dear Bob,

First of all, thank you again for attending the WCHCS AGM, everyone was very appreciative that you made the effort. The information that you provided was well received by those attending the meeting.

This letter is a follow up to our discussion about the proposal of the CRD to assume funding responsibility for eight AED's (part of the Provincial PAD program) along the highway 20 corridor.

Two years ago, the WCHCS partnered with the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation to purchase and install these AED at strategic locations in the West Chilcotin. They have been placed in areas where time to arrival of first responders is beyond what is acceptable for a good outcome. They are placed in outdoor locations as to be accessible by the general population 24/7. The WCHCS has spent a considerable amount of time and money to modify the AED cabinets so that they stay warm even in -30C weather.

Although the Capital costs are covered, there are ongoing costs (if amortized) of about \$1000/yr to pay for replacement AED pads and batteries as they reach their expiry date. In addition, the WCHCS has applied for permits to install highway signage (indicating location) at considerable cost.

As President of the WCHCS , I am officially requesting that the CRD consider partnering with the WCHCS to absorb all (preferably) or partial ongoing costs of AED pad/battery replacement. Our main concern is that ongoing funding be in place should the WCHCS be dissolved.

Please let me know if there is any further information that you need or something that I can do to help in the process.

Sincerely,

Michal Smialowski
President
WCHCS