



Special Council Agenda

The agenda for the **Special Meeting of Council of the District of Mission** to be held in the **Council Chamber** of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia on Thursday, June 25, 2009 commencing at 5:00 p.m.

1. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Potential Closure of Mission Memorial Hospital Emergency and Diabetic Services (District of Mission Press Release attached) Page 2

i) The following from Fraser Health Authority will be in attendance:

Dr. Nigel Murray, FHA President and Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Arden Krystal, VP Acute Care Network
Ms. Barbara Korabek, VP Primary Care and Community Health Network
Mr. David Plug, Interim VP Communications and Public Affairs
Mr. Peter Goldthorpe, VP Capital Projects, Real Estate and Facilities
Ms. Vivian Giglio, Executive Director, Acute Care, MMH and ARHCC
Dr. Keith Wong, Medical Director, MMH
Ms. Kathi Thompson, Senior Consultant, Public Relations

2. ADJOURNMENT



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE June 16, 2009

Council Angered by Threatened Emergency Room Closure

On Monday evening Council members loudly expressed their outrage at the potential closure of the Mission Memorial emergency ward.

"This is completely unacceptable", stated Mayor James Atebe. "Mission is far too large a community to be without crucial emergency medical services. That emergency room gets thousands of visits a year. All it takes is a small accident on the Mission bridge to make it impossible to reach the Abbotsford hospital, literally for hours. In a serious emergency, that kind of time is precious."

Council agreed that it wants a meeting with the Fraser Health Authority board of directors and senior staff, as well as Mission's 2 MLA's, as soon as possible.

"We want them to hear face to face that Mission is not going to accept this. While we understand that FHA has a fiscal issue to resolve, closing the emergency ward is not going to be tolerated. They will need to find another way to address their fiscal imbalance. If it means that the province needs to provide more funds, then so be it." Atebe added.

"We have been working closely with the FHA to develop a health care plan for Mission, and at no time was there any mention of this possible closure. There has been no consultation whatsoever. We now feel like our trust has been completely shattered, after it took years of hard work to re-establish it. From now on, we feel we will be far more wary of our dealings with FHA."

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