

## NEWS RELEASE

### Western Manitoba Health Care Task Force to Host Community Feedback Meetings

**November 1, 2017** – The Western Manitoba Health Care Task Force, with membership from nine municipalities in southwestern Manitoba, will host a number of community information meetings to present their preliminary recommendations. The Task Force began meeting in spring to develop recommendations to ensure a regional collective voice is presented to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living as the Minister guides a sustainability process for health services delivery in the Province.

The Task Force’s nine members include; Boissevain-Morton Municipality, Brenda-Waskada Municipality, Cartwright-Roblin Municipality, Deloraine-Winchester Municipality, Killarney-Turtle Mountain Municipality, Town of Melita, RM of Pipestone, RM of Prairie Lakes and Two Borders Municipality. The Task Force will present eleven preliminary recommendations focused on three themes; emergency services, access to care and senior’s housing & long-term care at the community meetings. The Task Force is also proposing an on-going partnership between the members that would focus on supporting and advocating for health care services in the region.

Community feedback is critical to ensure the proposed recommendations reflect the various citizen voices within the member municipalities. To provide an opportunity for round table feedback, community information meetings will be held in the following locations –

Community	Location	Date	Time
Deloraine	Mountview Centre	November 13, 2017	7 pm – 9 pm
Cartwright	Centennial Auditorium	November 14, 2017	3 pm – 5 pm
Killarney	Shamrock Centre	November 14, 2017	7 pm – 9 pm
Melita	Legion Hall	November 20, 2017	7 pm – 9 pm
Boissevain	Community Hall	November 21, 2017	7 pm – 9 pm

All meetings are open to the public and residents may choose any location to attend. The Task Force is to present its final recommendations to member Council’s by the end of the year. Recommendations approved by Councils will be forwarded to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living early in the new year.

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