



MANITOUWADGE GENERAL HOSPITAL



MANITOUWADGE COMMUNITY
HEALTH CARE CENTRE

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Renovation Project

*Your Gift To
Your Family's Health*

Quality Service, Pride, Trust & Teamwork

Questions and Answers

ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. At the end of the tax year you will be able to claim to two-tiered federal and provincial tax credit based on funds you have donated to the Clinic Renovation Project in that 365 day period. The first \$200 of your gift will give you 16% tax credit, and the balance of your donation will entitle you to a 29% tax credit.

For example:

Donation of \$500

\$200 x 16%

\$300 x 29%

\$ 119 tax credit

WHAT ABOUT THE NEWMONT CLOSURE?

Newmont has provided advance information about the closure. As part of their closure plan, they have contributed \$50,000 to this project to ensure Manitowadge is sustainable after they leave.

The Economic Development Committee has been working to attract a new corporate base. Look at Geraldton. Their gold mine closed, yet because of careful planning, the town is stable and healthy.

There are many economic opportunities, especially in mining, exploration, tourism and lumber. With the high level of mineral exploration around Manitowadge, the opportunity remains for more mine sites to be opened.

Because Manitowadge is small, rural, remote, and isolated, we need quality medical services. A modernized clinic will help ensure medical security now and in the future.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY DONATION IF THE PROJECT FALLS THROUGH?

We are confident that the necessary funds will be raised; however, if by some remote chance the project didn't go ahead, all donations would be refunded.

I NEED MORE INFORMATION, WHO CAN ANSWER MY QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact any of the following members of the fund raising committee:

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WHAT WILL THIS RENOVATION COST?

An architect has estimated the cost to be \$500,000. To accomplish all of the work that must be done inside the building will require \$250,000 and another \$250,000 will be needed to modify the roof and to do other exterior renovations and modifications.

WHO WILL PAY FOR THIS RENOVATION?

This project will be paid for by contributions solicited from companies, businesses, foundations, government agencies and the general public. The operational costs for the clinic will remain the responsibility of the Corporation of the Manitowadge General Hospital.

WHO WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE?

All citizens, businesses, suppliers, foundations, agencies, municipal government and organizations that have an interest in Manitowadge and/or potential need for this facility will be asked to contribute.

WILL THE RENOVATED CLINIC GUARANTEE DOCTORS DENTISTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

Nothing will guarantee that doctors and dentists will come and stay in any community, but if there is not an up-to-date facility for them to work in, they will almost certainly not come to Manitowadge.

WHY MUST THE MEDICAL CLINIC BE RENOVATED?

The Clinic was opened in 1980 and much of the equipment in the clinic must be updated to more modern standards.

With changing uses over time, many of the clinic spaces have become inaccessible and inefficiently used. Space utilization and access laws are much different than they were when the Clinic first opened.

Privacy regulations have become legal issues and must be addressed, involving some design changes.

Having this facility has been instrumental in recruiting medical personnel to our community. If we are to remain competitive in this area we must ensure the Clinic meets the current health regulations, and addresses the needs of our community and medical professionals.

Telehealth services and electronic record keeping require upgrading of electrical, telephone and computer systems. New record systems, innovative diagnostic tools and new information systems will require us to be ready and once our renovations are completed we will be ready.

There are also the usual required repairs and renovations needed by a 25 year old building in our Northern Ontario climate which has had thousands of people in and out of it for over two decades. Windows, walls, floors, ventilation and the roof all must be upgraded and maintained.

WHO OWNS THE CLINIC?

The Manitowadge Community Health Clinic is owned and operated by the Corporation of the Manitowadge General Hospital for the benefit of the residents of Manitowadge.

WHO USES AND BENEFITS FROM THE CLINIC?

We all do!

Without a Clinic we would not have physicians. Without physicians we would not have a hospital.

We would have to travel outside the community for medical care. Assuming the physicians in a neighbouring community would accept new patients we would be faced with taking a minimum of 1/2 day off work and paying 50 cents a km to operate our vehicles (CAA recommendations). A travel grant would not apply.

To see a specialist, you must be referred by a family physician. This would necessitate travel once again.

The Clinic estimates that 15,000 visits occur annually. The cost to the residents of Manitowadge would be a minimum of 15,000 x \$ 50.00 = \$ 750,000. When you factor in lost wages, the figure is considerable higher, not to mention out shopping dollars lost to Manitowadge businesses.