

Message from Health Director

Once again, I am happy to report on the year in review with the James Smith Health Clinic. The 2012-2013 Health Clinic programs and services annual report provides an overall review, through informational program summaries and the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2013.

2012-2013 brings to an end of another five year health agreement with First Nation Inuit Health since the first health transfer agreement was signed in 1994 by the leadership. These agreements were to give more control to the First Nations Health Program to administer certain health programs and services. A five year community health plan was developed that involved many people from the community and a final community approval process from the membership was given to enter into these Health Agreements. Since then there has been four community health evaluations done and four community health plans developed for those agreements.

This past year has been a real challenge as the health program had to develop and submit a new five year health plan to Health Canada. Health Canada has made changes to the new five year health agreement on how the five year plan was to be developed and administered. There needed to be a new five year health plan with logic model plans for each program submitted for reviewed and approved by Health Canada. Through the health evaluation process there were a number of recommendations made on how to improve the programs and services. These recommendations have been incorporated into the new Health Plan and Program logic model health plans.

As indicated from the audited financial statements in this report, James Smith Health Clinic continues to be in a good financial position as result of careful budgeting and accountability practices. Programs and services will continue to be sustained as a result of sound financial management.

I would like to thank the Leadership, Health Committee and Staff for your continued dedication and support to the improvement of quality health services to the community we serve.