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*Joint Health Committee Signs Clinic Sublease Agreement with Physicians' Group
3 Year Agreement with Option to Renew Replaces Initial 15-year agreement*

Outlook, August 7, 2024: Today, the Rural Municipality of Rudy No. 284, the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley No. 285 along with the Town of Outlook signed a new three-year clinic sublease agreement with the Practicing Physicians of Outlook Medical Clinic.

The three municipalities have been the owners of the clinic space in Outlook & District Health Centre since the original build in 2008. Initially, a 15-year agreement was signed with Dr. Mynhardt and Dr. Brewer on behalf of the Physicians' group. The current sublease expired October of 2023. The actively practicing associates at Outlook Medical Clinic expressed interest in signing on behalf of the practice to secure the physical space for the clinic over the long term. The Municipalities felt it important to renew the commitment to ensure the space for physician services are sustainable in Outlook for many years to come. The Municipalities and Outlook Medical Clinic continue to work side by side with The Saskatchewan Health Authority to recruit and retain physicians in our community.

Highlights of the 13-page agreement signed today are as follows:

- *Three-year sublease with an option to renew for an additional three years*
- *Fixed rent per physician of \$500 per month regardless of number of physicians working at the clinic*
- *Clinic reimburses overhead for space charged to Municipalities by Saskatchewan Health Authority*
- *Notification period for cancellation of the lease*
- *Mechanism for removal of Physician in default of agreement*
- *Commitments to furnishings and reasonable repairs*

Joint Health Committee Chair and RM of Rudy Councillor, Bree Campbell; *“The committee and the physicians have worked for over a year to find terms acceptable to all parties, we are confident that this agreement will work well for us going forward.”*

Mayor of Outlook and committee member, Maureen Weiterman; “All of our health professionals provide first rate services to the region, it is incumbent on the Councils to ensure that facilities managed by the municipalities are up to snuff.”

Committee Vice-Chair and RM of Fertile Valley Councillor, Bob Silverthorn; “The clinic space is our responsibility and it is good that we are able to come to terms with the three doctors currently serving Outlook on behalf of the doctors in the future”

Saskatchewan Health Authority; *“As part of the SHA, the Outlook and District Health Centre recognizes the importance of this agreement and we believe that this is an important step to securing seamless health care for the residents of Outlook and surrounding areas. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Outlook Medical Clinic to inspire growth in our ability to respond to the evolving health care needs of our community.”*

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