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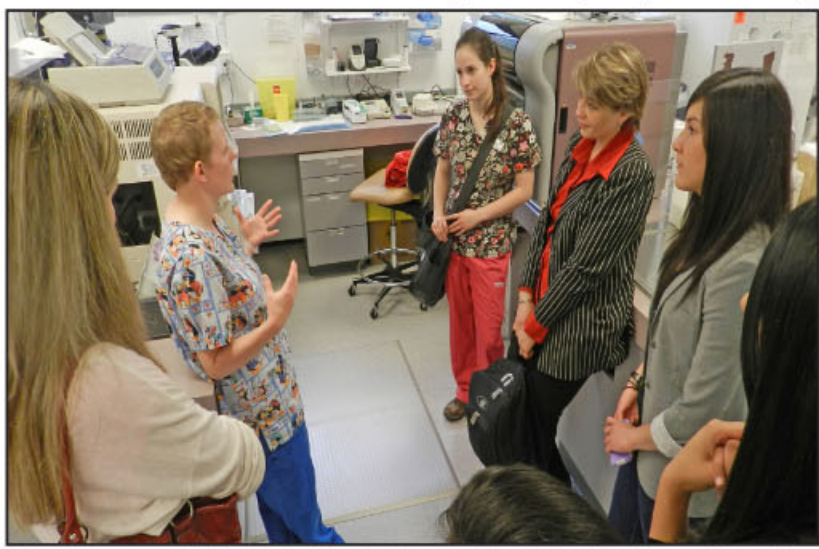
The UNBC Travelling Health Care Roadshow visited Fort Nelson June 3rd to 5th. UNBC Health Care students, Dr. Sean Maurice, Dr. Alina Constantin joined FNSS students for a tour of Fort Nelson General Hospital led by Nurse Manager Betty Asher. Earlier in the week the UNBC group went to Summit Lake and Toad River to experience the area's natural beauty and recreational opportunities. They also visited the UNBC museum to learn about our extensive history. Photos by Kathy Smith and Angela White.



In the Health Records Department, Clerk Alice MacDonald explained the process for all in-patients and out-patients, billing, MSP, gathering of statistics, file maintenance, and storage. Hospital Health Services Administrator Christene Morey says, "They are the one department that handles absolutely every single patient that comes through the doors as far as patient records go."



Children got to examine multiple disciplines in health care services.



Chief Laboratory Technologist Carolyn Puckett-Smith described several functions performed by personnel for our community, including microbiology, transfusion medicines, haematology, and blood chemistry.



At Chalo School the boys couldn't resist using the stethoscope.



When a patient arrives they may be placed in the Special Care Unit (SCU) if very intense care is required, ie: trauma victims and cardiac patients. One-to-one care may be given depending on their condition. Some await medical transport by air or ground to a larger centre and must be stabilised, a key step in saving lives. The unit is set up as a trauma room, but has dual purposes for minor surgeries like mole removals. Many rooms, including the emergency area, have multiple uses, from trauma, to orthopaedic equipment/cast application and removal, to examining rooms for visiting specialists, depending on the need.



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COMMUNITY



Parents and guests were invited to lunch with friends at the Country Care Preschool to celebrate the graduation of the four-year-olds from preschool to kindergarten. Valery Pawlachuk reminded the morning and afternoon classes that they would have friends they know when they enter kindergarten in the fall.



UNBC Travelling Healthcare Roadshow Inspires Students To Be Health Care Professions

By Kathy Smith
 Much of rural BC and other rural communities across Canada struggle with a shortage of Physicians and other healthcare professionals. A grassroots initiative was developed in 2009 at a Rural Health Workforce Symposium in Prince George where strategies were developed to improve the rural healthcare workforce. Members of the Northern Medical Program (NMP) at UNBC and the community of Clearwater discussed the development of a travelling healthcare roadshow, and in 2010 they ran the first one as a pilot program in Clearwater.

The roadshow has three goals; the first is to inspire students in rural communities to consider healthcare professions by making them aware of a variety of careers they can pursue through presentations given by healthcare students. The second is for rural communities to showcase the benefits of working and living in their towns to visiting health care students. And the third is to increase inter-professional opportunities for healthcare students through interaction with health care professionals in the locations they visit. UNBC faculty and students drive to parts of the province they may otherwise never see or experience, and they broaden their horizons by learning about healthcare dilemmas faced by people living in remote areas. In Fort Nelson, students experienced the loss the community feels over the

absence of maternity services. The program is proving to be a win-win situation for the team of visitors, local children and teens. Local students gain exposure to many healthcare fields through the perspective of healthcare students, while the visiting healthcare students learn about the broader community by going to schools, the hospital, and seeing recreational opportunities. Because visiting healthcare students are generally younger than parents and professionals, they relate well with children and teens.

Dr. Sean Maurice and Dr. Alina Constantin, both Senior Lab Instructors with UNBC, drove their students to Fort Nelson. Many in the NMP are from rural communities, and Dr. Maurice says "The primary goal is to inspire some of your school age kids to consider health care careers, thinking they might have less exposure to options - health care students are generally in their 20's or early 30's and speak in a language that is appropriate particularly to high school kids - the kids think oh, well if they can do it I can probably do it." The visiting students are enrolled in medicine, nursing, physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, and have the opportunity to ask each other questions about their programs.

"The NMP is working to increase the number of postgraduate medical training positions (residency) and continuing to work on ways to improve recruitment / retention of doctors in the north. Other mechanisms to improve recruitment / retention of physicians and other healthcare professionals in rural and remote communities may include increasing opportunities for medical student clerkship rotations, locum opportunities, and increasing community and health authority support to address some of the barriers to starting a practice," says Dr. Maurice. A steady stream of locums, ensuring non-excessive workloads, and a turn-key type of office are some of the suggestions.

Fort Nelson General Hospital Health Services Administrator, Christene Morey, says "From our perspective, for healthcare students and high school students thinking of getting into healthcare, what better way to expose them than to come on site and actually see what we have - it's good promotion for us. I think it really helps people - we like to do tours because our staff enjoys talking about the kinds of things we do here, and what their role in that is. Some of our staff have been here for a long time and are very experienced." Morey feels that creating a welcoming environment in the facility is important, and encourages local students to consider coming back to Fort Nelson when they finish their programs. Staff keeps current by being part of the teaching program for practicum students each year. Response to the program since its 2010 debut has been very positive. "There's no downside to it, just no downside at all," says Morey.

Dr. Maurice says "The thought behind this is that planting the seeds is the most important thing. If a kid is smart enough and doesn't care in high school, then getting them past not caring is the most important thing - nothing's going to happen if that doesn't happen." He feels if students become inspired about the options, they'll begin to care more about school and look at the courses they'll need. Communities contribute financially and logistically to sponsor the UNBC Travelling Roadshow in conjunction with other sources of funding. With a short window of time between post secondary exams and secondary exams, they were able to come to Fort Nelson and Chetwynd this year, and are planning to go to Fort St. John and Dawson Creek in 2013.

MP Report by Bob Zimmer

Responsible Natural Resource Development - A Practical Point of View Part II



In my last MP Report I discussed how, in society today, we all use natural resources, and how we can support the responsible development of these resources while also being good stewards for the environment.

This investment will create hundreds of thousands of jobs and economic growth across Canada. From manufacturing to the service sector to the financial sector - every sector of Canada's economy has something to gain from resource development.

Socially, the resource sector generates tens of billions of dollars worth of tax revenues and royalties annually for governments to fund our many compassionate programs. For example, over the past five years, the oil and gas industry has contributed an average of \$22 billion a year to government revenues, revenues which help to pay for everything, from education and health care, to roads and bridges.

In fact, our Conservative Government has committed to increasing health care transfers to the provinces. Under our new investment, health care funding will increase from \$30 billion per year in 2013-14 to more than \$38 billion per year in 2018-19. Total funding for health care over that five year period will be at least \$178 billion.

One of the reasons why we have the funding to do so is thanks to the tax revenues from our natural resources.

As the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters has said, "We often think of energy and resource developments in remote terms - geographically removed from the lives of most Canadians. The fact is that all Canadians stand to benefit in very real ways from the wealth created by these developments."

But we must seize the moment, while being environmentally responsible. These opportunities are not going to last forever. We're going to have to compete with other resource-rich countries for those vital job-creating investment dollars. And, acting on this opportunity means putting in place a world-class regulatory system to review major projects. That is why our Conservative Government is acting in Economic Action Plan 2012 with our plan for Responsible Resource Development.

Responsible Resource Development is founded on four pillars:

- 1) to make project reviews more predictable and timely while still maintaining thoroughness;
- 2) to reduce duplication of project reviews;
- 3) to strengthen environmental protection; and
- 4) to enhance Aboriginal consultation.

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The time is now for Canada's immense resources. We know that it is not only possible, but absolutely necessary to ensure timely, efficient and effective project reviews, while at the same time act as good stewards of our environment as we continue to develop our natural resources. We CAN do both!

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