PUBLIC NOTICE

Medical Clinic Opening in Eckville.

Eckville Mayor Colleen Ebden and Montana First Nation Chief Ralph Cattleman are pleased to announce the opening of the Akamihk Health Care Services Clinic at the Eckville Community Health Centre on Friday, November 1, 2024.

The Town of Eckville has leased space in the Eckville Community Health Centre and the Montana First Nation's Lead Physician Dr. Tersia Lichtenstein, will be seeing patients in Eckville on Friday November 8th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. To book your appointment please call Akamihk Health Care Services at 403-754-4853.

Background.

The Town of Eckville had been looking at options to reopen a medical clinic since the Eckville Medical Clinic closed its doors in September of 2012. Space was leased in the Eckville Community Health Centre in 2013, but finding a physician proved to be a daunting task.

Approximately a year and a half ago, the Town received a message from Cenovus Energy suggesting that the Town should contact the Montana First Nation as their Council had recently opened a medical clinic on their First Nation and they were looking to establish other medical clinics.

On March 21, 2023, representatives of The Montana First Nation and the Town of Eckville met at the Montana First Nation to discuss the possibility of working together. On September 22, 2023, both parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Eckville Medical Clinic Services and after several meetings, numerous phone calls and emails, the Akamihk Health Care Services Clinic is now a reality.

An official grand opening and ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

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