

# Emergency care review ongoing at VCMH



**Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck is the subject of an emergency care review by the Cape Breton District Health Authority and the N.S. Department of Health.**

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The plan is based on comprehensive minimum emergency care standards that set and raise the bar for quality care. The standards describe, in clinical terms, what *Better Care Sooner* means. They also will give people across the province access to a consistent, predictable quality of care.

Both Dr. John Ross and Cape Breton District Health Authority's John Malcom were in Baddeck consulting with staff and physicians at Victoria County Memorial Hospital as part of the follow up to these health reports and what they might mean for the health facility.

In his report Dr. Ross recommends that District Health Authorities should consider an evolution of select Emergency/Outpatient Departments to a Collaborative Assessment Room for Emergency (CARE) model.

Dr. Ross identified three hospitals in the Cape Breton District Health Authority which might use the CARE model. One of them is Victoria County Memorial Hospital.

He states: "The Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck, could

also function well as a collaborative CARE site. It may require a modest renovation to enable the two doctors and one Nurse Practitioner (NP) to move into the hospital. Room for another NP or physician is also needed, as well as working areas for allied health ambulatory clinics. An open access small collaborative practice, much like that in Musquodoboit Valley, would serve the residents well. The big influx of summer tourists and increased highway traffic may require a seasonal variation in role and on-call schedule. From there it is approximately 78 km to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital."

Spokesperson for the Cape Breton District Health Authority, Greg Boone, told *The Victoria Standard* that Dr. Ross and Mr. Malcom are still consulting staff and physicians at Victoria County Memorial Hospital and no decisions have been made.

"Internal discussions will continue and public consultations will be held before any changes are made," Mr. Boone emphasized.

He expects the public consultations to take place by late spring or early summer.

# Public involvement essential to Bell Museum planning

Baddeck

Parks Canada is developing a new management plan for Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. Public involvement is essential in this process.

You are invited to have your voice heard by joining Parks Canada at Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site on Friday, January 28, 2011 from 2:30-4:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Parks Canada commemorates and interprets the work of Alexander Graham Bell and his associates at the national historic site which houses the largest collection of artefacts related to his research conducted both at Baddeck and elsewhere. Your participation in this process will help direct the protection and presentation of cultural resources at the site. It will also help shape opportunities for visitors to experience this unique site on Cape Breton Island.

For more information on management planning or on proposed key strategies and the proposed vision for Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, please visit [www.pc.gc.ca/bell](http://www.pc.gc.ca/bell)

The public may also provide feedback in other ways by February 22, 2011: Email: [AGB.Planning@pc.gc.ca](mailto:AGB.Planning@pc.gc.ca) by telephone 902 295-2069 and by mail to: Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site Attn Management Planning, PO Box 159, Baddeck NS B0E 1B0

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# CBDC staff honoured



**Pictured above is John MacPhee (l), Chairman of the CBDC Northside Victoria Board of Directors; Gordie McGean, Senior Development Officer; Carol Ann Pyke, Administrative Office Manager and Bruce MacDonald, Executive Director. Also pictured (at left) is the Vice Chair of the CBDC Northside Victoria Board of Directors, Sherry Ramsey.**

Special

The Atlantic Association of Community Business Development Corporations, (AACBDCs) recognized three Northside Victoria employees for their 25 years of service, faithful dedication and strong contribution towards community economic development throughout Victoria County and the North Sydney area. Staff were honored at the Atlantic AGM in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on September 16th, 2010 and the awards presentation occurred in North Sydney on January 10th, 2011.

Northside Victoria is the only CBDC among the 41 corporations operating in Atlantic Canada that has three staff members celebrating their 25 years of service together with the corporation! Congratulations Bruce, Gordie and Carol Ann!

The CBDCs are non profit corporations with a mandate to foster community-based economic development by providing business support and loans to medium and small business enterprises in 41 regions throughout Atlantic Canada. To find out more, call 1-888-303-2232 (CBDC).



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