

Peshastin Community Council
Special Meeting
September 24, 2020
Via videoconference

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, Stan Winters, Patricia Ortiz, Steve Keene, Doug Clarke

Council members absent, excused: Leticia Vizcaino, Cheryl Parsley

Guests: Johanna Ruelas, CVCH outreach coordinator ; Katharine Bohm, CVCH marketing and outreach; Luisa Martin, Americorps volunteer with community outreach

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. after a delay due to connectivity issues.

The representatives of Columbia Valley Community Health Connect presented information about the 47 foot mobile clinic that has been in use over the summer in other parts of the county. They would like to serve outlying areas where patients may have barriers to care, providing medical and behavioral health visits. They provide insurance enrollment, sliding scale fees and bilingual staff for the two exam rooms and lab located in the unit. Their goal is to provide care in the Peshastin area once a month, and appointments are encouraged but not required.

To partner with CVCH there is need for a space to park the mobile clinic for 2 days at a time. They would like to have access to a power outlet, accessible restrooms and a sitting/waiting area outdoors, although none of these are essential, and are more complicated during coronavirus pandemic.

Discussion of space options included the library, the Memorial Hall, the Peshastin-Dryden school, and the Hi-up lot between Mill St. and the street next to the railroad. The library and Memorial Hall are likely too small for the size of the unit, especially allowing for free passage of fire trucks. The school has a good size parking lot, although there are concerns about whether it would be plowed in the winter since school attendance is limited. The Hi-up lot is felt to be ideal because of the proximity to both warehouses and the bus stop, and has two-way access.

Katharine will send a print out with information, and Lauri will contact Hi-up manager Ken Hemberry to arrange for a meeting to see if they would be willing to partner with CVCH for this endeavor. If this is not possible, the next step will be to contact Superintendent Tracy Beckendorf-Edou regarding use of the school parking lot. Both locations would provide good visibility.

The council is in agreement that this is a service that would be beneficial for community members, and is happy to work with CVCH to make it a reality.

No votes were taken, and no further subjects discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz,
Secretary