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Work Underway for the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan Site Validation Panel

(April 15, 2010), Saskatoon – Members of the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan (CHS) Site Validation Panel met today to begin validating the site for the new hospital. On February 10, 2010 Saskatoon Health Region announced that a panel would be established to validate the site for the hospital. The Royal University Hospital (RUH) was chosen as the site in 2007, however significant changes since that time have led to the Region establishing a panel to review the original decision.

There are three members of the public on the panel, as well as representatives from industry, the Region, Regional Health Authority Board, University of Saskatchewan, and Ministry of Health. Members of the panel are:

Dave Dutchak – public member (MD Ambulance)
Cheryl McCallum – public member
Rena DeCoursey – public member (Member of Maternal Child Family Advisory Council)
Dr. Rob Weiler – Saskatoon Health Region
Dr. Laurentiu Givelichian – Saskatoon Health Region
Janet Harding, Director of Pharmacy – Saskatoon Health Region
Betty Lou Agnew, clinical nurse educator – Saskatoon Health Region
Jim Rhode – Saskatoon Regional Health Authority (Chair)
Mike Stensrud – Saskatoon Regional Health Authority
Louise Greenberg, Associate Deputy Minister – Saskatchewan Ministry of Health
Richard Florizone, Vice President Finance & Resources – University of Saskatchewan
Maura Davies, President and CEO – Saskatoon Health Region
Louis Guillbeault - ZW Group (Project Manager)
Karl Sonnenberg – Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects (Project Architect)

"I am very pleased to see the panel begin its deliberations," said, Jim Rhode, Panel Chair. "I know there is significant interest in the location of the new hospital from both the public and healthcare providers. The diversity of the panel members and thoughtful review of evidence will help us determine the best possible site for the new children's hospital," said Rhode.

The panel will meet over the next two months to consider four possible location options. These options will be scored against a number of different criteria, including quality and patient safety, capital and operating costs. The four site options being considered are:

1. Using the existing Saskatoon City Hospital (SCH) building with required renovations;
2. Constructing new space to accommodate maternal and children services at SCH;



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3. Constructing new space to accommodate maternal and children's services at SCH, in addition to accommodating adult tertiary/quaternary, trauma and sub-specialties;
4. Constructing new space to accommodate maternal and children's services at RUH.

At today's first meeting panel members discussed their role, the four validation options being presented, the criteria that will be used to score those options and mechanisms they can use to engage the public in the validation process. One of the mechanisms agreed upon was the creation of an independent website where the public will be able to send in written submissions on the four options being considered. The website and parameters around those submissions are currently being developed and will go live at the address below on Friday, April 23, 2010.

www.chssitevalidation.wordpress.com

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