



LUMBY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY HISTORY

Did you know.....

The Lumby & District Health Services Society (LDHSS) is a charitable organization formed by Lumby and area residents concerned about the lack of health services in the community. The Society received Incorporation under the BC Society's Act in 1974.

The original health building was built by the community through volunteer labour, donated building supplies and financial donations.

In 1976, the Health Center building was officially opened by then Minister of Health, R. L. McCelland. Bill Van der Zalm, Minister of Human Resources was also present and he stated he was "impressed with the services a small town like Lumby has to offer". The facility was built under budget. The medical clinic in Lumby was a pilot project, run by volunteers; a first for the province.

In 1994 the building was sold to the BC Building Corporation and continues to be owned by Shared Services of BC.

The large catchment area consisting of the Village of Lumby, Trinity Valley, Mabel Lake, Whitevale, Creighton Valley, Cherryville, Edgewood and Lavington are serviced by the Lumby Health Center.

These services include blood collections, x-rays, HIV testing, sexual health clinic, foot care clinic, hearing clinic and mammogram clinic. As well, the Lumby & District Health Services Society provides educational health presentations and clinics that offer specific support for chronic health issues. Interior Health provides a Public Health Nurse who focuses on the prevention of illness, injury or disability, promotion of health and maintenance of the health population.

The Society is governed by the Health Society's Act through a voluntary Board of Directors consisting of citizens, representation from Village of Lumby Council, North Okanagan Regional Directors Areas D & E, Interior Health Public Nursing and the BC Ambulance. The society employs an administrator and an assistant as well as trained professional staff to operate the X-ray equipment.

Community service groups, businesses and citizens have long supported the fund-raising activities of the Health Center to supplement funds for the purchase of the x-ray equipment and outreach health services. The x-ray equipment provides immediate access for physicians to review exams. X-ray requisitions are accepted from all Interior Health physicians.

Many people assume the Lumby & District Health Services Society is funded solely through Interior Health. Interior Health does provide a contract to support reception for Public Health Nursing and Interior Health programs. Additional monies are also received thru the BC Gaming Branch, Local government funding and businesses, individuals and service clubs. The financial donations all contribute to facilitating health services in the Lumby area.

"Together we can make a difference"

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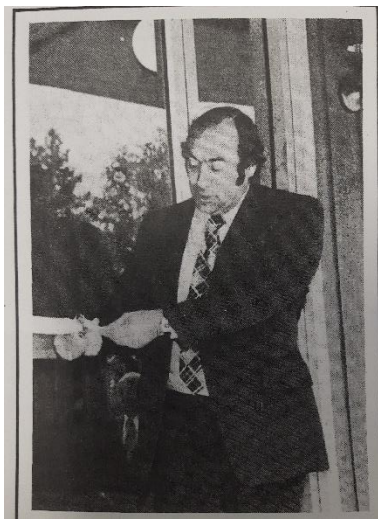
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The Annual Walk Roll Run event is a financial supporter for the Health Center via the generous contributions from citizens and local businesses.

The Annual General Membership meeting is held each May. The annual membership fee is only \$1.00. The Society encourages citizens to join, as your involvement is needed to grow health services in the community. Members are welcome to volunteer for community events put on by the Society. Directors meetings are held monthly with the exception of July, August and December. Membership meetings are held twice yearly.

The Lumby & District Health Society has come a long way since inception in 1974. It continues to organize valuable health services to its citizens. The Society endeavors to increase the range of services, including the ongoing pursuit to increase Lumby's Rural Designation from level D to level C. This would enhance the appeal of physicians to work in the great community of Lumby. Most recently Lumby went through a situation of only one physician to provide care for Lumby and area. Lumby & District Health Services through extreme efforts was able to attract our newest physician, Dr. Adam Burnett. With the support of the current physicians the Society was able to organize a walk in clinic. The Society strives to increase health care services for Lumby and its catchment area.

If you are a Lumby area resident who may be interested in joining the Lumby & District Health Society, please contact the office at: 250 547 9741.



July 1976 Bob McClland, Health Minister Official opened the \$105,000 Lumby Community Health Centre

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