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Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw Update

The board members of Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw (HHMJ) have been working quietly, behind the scenes, for the last year. Here is just a small snippet of what the board has accomplished in this time:

- With the help of a volunteer strategic planner, HHMJ has developed a strategic plan for the next year. From this plan, the board will develop a business plan to present to the new health region.
- In December, HHMJ met with the program director of Grace Hospice in Regina, and learned about the journey to achieving a hospice in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. The ideas and insights shared with the board were numerous, and the board will continue to use the knowledge from Grace Hospice to establish a hospice in Moose Jaw.
- HHMJ has established partnerships with many service clubs and other key organizations to review a possible location and arrange future funding for the capital project.
- In March 2017, representatives from the HHMJ board met with Jim Reiter, Minister of Health, who was very supportive of the Hospice model. He indicated that he would continue the conversation as the new Provincial Health Authority develops. He urged the board to continue the work of bringing Hospice Palliative Care to Moose Jaw.
- Following the meeting with Mr. Reiter, representatives from the HHMJ board met with the members of the Five Hills Health Region. The region is also supportive of the idea and is currently reviewing what can be done to offer hospice care in our community during the transition to the new health authority.

Overall, Heartland Hospice Moose Jaw is optimistic for the future of Hospice Palliative Care in Moose Jaw. The organization's vision remains – to achieve the dream of one day having a full service hospice facility in Moose Jaw.