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**KIWANIS PAVILION BOARD SEEKS ALTERNATIVES
TO OPERATIONS FOR KIWANIS PAVILION**

VICTORIA – The Oak Bay Kiwanis Health Care Society has informed its residents, their families and employees that it will be seeking alternatives for the operations of the Kiwanis Pavilion.

The Health Care Society has successfully operated the Pavilion for almost 30 years. However, declining Kiwanis Club memberships and increasing complexities in the delivery of health care have led to the decision to look at other options for managing the facility which include finding a new operator to assume responsibility of the Pavilion.

“The Kiwanis Pavilion is an excellent facility and we are very proud of the quality care we deliver to residents,” said Barbara Gies, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. “We understand that this has been a difficult announcement for employees, residents and their families to hear but we felt it was important they know the situation. This process will likely take about 18 months to complete – and I want to emphasize that throughout this process we will operate business as usual.”

The Pavilion is home to 122 residents who suffer from dementia or are either physically frail or suffer mild cognitive impairment. Gies reiterated that communication with both residents and their families would be regular, with all parties kept abreast of progress.

“We are committed to our employees, to the comfort and care of our residents and to continuing to provide a trusted community service,” said Gies. “Our ultimate goal is to achieve a seamless transition with as little disruption as possible to employees, residents and their families.”

The board has initiated discussions with the Vancouver Island Health Authority in regards to finding a suitable operator for the Pavilion.

“It is our desire that Kiwanis Pavilion will continue to operate as it does today for years to come under the direction of a new operator,” said Gies. “We made a difficult but responsible decision intended to ensure the future well-being of the Kiwanis Pavilion’s many employees and residents.”

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