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## **Waterhen District Ambulance Service transfers operations**

**Waterhen-** Waterhen Community Council, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, and the Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) have completed negotiations that see the Waterhen District Ambulance Service transfer existing operations to the PRHA effective October 1, 2007. The transfer follows through with a request from Waterhen Community Council to end their current contractual agreement with the PRHA and devolve the service. Waterhen and District Ambulance Service has operated under an arrangement with the PRHA since 1999.

“We have been working cooperatively with Waterhen Community Council over the past several years and thanks to Council’s valuable input, we are able to make this smooth transition,” stated Shayne Yaschyshyn, PRHA Director of Emergency Medical Services.

“The Board believes transferring operations to the PRHA is in the best interests of Waterhen area residents,” stated Larry Chartrand, Mayor of Waterhen Community Council.

“As a result, our ambulance personnel will have improved access to Regional training programs, equipment, communication initiatives, and other coordinated services provided by the PRHA,” Chartrand said.

Ambulance service will continue to be provided to Waterhen and area residents from the Waterhen EMS Station.

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