



## Message from the Mayor

Fort Nelson Residents,

I wanted to address an issue that is currently the subject of significant conversation in our community; travel costs associated with a lack of maternity services. Late last week we were made aware that the Interior Health Authority is providing funding for expectant parents to travel to give birth during a temporary closure of the maternity services at the Williams Lake Hospital.

This financial support is something the Northern Rockies has been lobbying for over several years while our own local maternity services have been shuttered. As such, I want to assure you that your local government is investigating the matter and will be following up with the relevant Provincial agencies to ensure that our community's needs are also heard by decision makers.

## Maternity Services

March 5, 2019

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*View the Interior Health Release:*

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/MediaCentre/NewsReleases/Documents/PSA-CMH%20Maternity.pdf>

*View the CBC news article:*

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/interior-health-suspend-services-pregnant-women-williamslake-1.5038465?cmp=rss>

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