



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** MCC – Cold Lake Medical Clinic Expansion

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2024

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### **Executive Summary:**

The City of Cold Lake established the Municipal Controlled Corporation, being the Cold Lake Primary Care Medical Clinic Ltd. (also known as CL Medical Clinic) on February 27, 2023 and took over the operations of the previously known as Glacier Medical Clinic in April, 2023.



The CL Medical Clinic Board of Director's have been please with the transition, growth, and physician interest in having their medical practice being located with the Cold Lake Primary Care Medical Clinic Ltd.

Since taking over the Medical Clinic the physicians in the facility have increased from essentially. 2 to 5 doctors on the team including:

- Dr. Jo-Lyndi Van Zyl
- Dr. Zaid Al-Ani
- Dr. Lufuluabo (Roger) Kata`mbua
- Dr. Teean Van Zijl (Full-Time CL Clinic Physician Dedicated to the Medical Clinic)
- Dr. Valentine Omoifo

There is a pending announcement on another doctor.

Do the significant growth in physicians and the continued interest of further doctors and other practices transition to the clinic, the need for expansion has become priority.

The CL Medical Clinic Board of Director's has completed a conceptual design report for the proposed expansion with interest in moving forward with least Option #4 with the inclusion of the second floor.



The CL Medical Clinic has been a tremendous success.

The report has been generated to solicit feedback from City Council regarding the Municipal Controlled Corporation vision moving forward, subject to funding. A copy of the design report has been attached for reference purposes.

**Background:**

In November 2021, the City Council signaled during their strategic priority workshop the recruitment of physicians. The concerns included:

- Recruitment of Physicians
- Rumors of what can be described as concerns over “turf protection.” It is of interest that all of the issues and concerns in the healthcare system tend to be discussed in the context of patients’ care. However, the best interest of patients’ often seems to be lost amongst several other competing and overarching.
- Impacts on the economy.
- Rumors of many of the family doctors have faced burn-out, others have left the community due to dissension amongst the doctors and what some have described as a toxic atmosphere, while others work to try to change the system.

In April 2022, the City engaged several physicians to discuss the issue of Primary Care in the Cold Lake (most wanted to speak in confidence).

In May 2022, the City received intel on the two (2) physicians leaving Cold Lake who of which were frustrated with Alberta Health Services and its bureaucracy. These physicians own an operational local medical clinic.

In June and July 2022, the city held meetings with regulatory approving agencies including Alberta Health (AH), Alberta Health Services (AHS), College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).

August through October, the City of Cold Lake entered into negotiations for the purchase of the medical clinic and operations.

In December 2022 the City presented its business plan for the creation of a Municipal Controlled Corporation (MCC) and provided authorization as such in January 2023.

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The appointment of the Board of Director's occurred in April 2023 including:

- Chris Vining – Elected Official Appointment – Chair
- Paul McWilliams – Vice-Chair
- Bob Mattice - Elected Official Appointment
- Lisa Ford
- Melissa Shea

**Alternatives:**

This report has been generated to solicit feedback from the Council's Corporate Priorities Committee.

**Recommended Action:**

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**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No.

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