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Enhanced maternity care coming to Creston

CRESTON – A new option for families seeking maternity care in the Creston area includes a multidisciplinary team that provides prenatal, delivery, postpartum, and newborn care at the Creston Valley Hospital and Health Centre.

The Maple Maternity Clinic opens today. The team expects to see approximately 50 clients per year.

“The Maple Maternity Clinic is a great example of what can be achieved by working together,” says Health Minister Adrian Dix. “This initiative shows team-based care in action, wrapping quality maternity care around new and expecting parents in the Creston area.”

The clinic is the result of a unique collaborative effort. Eighteen months ago, Creston’s three physicians providing maternity services approached Interior Health with a proposal to develop a clinic within the hospital and health centre that would integrate services and include public health nurses.

The name Maple Maternity acknowledges the Ktunaxa Nation’s traditional and medicinal use of the Miçkik, or Rocky Mountain Maple.

The physicians, Interior Health administrators, public health nurses and staff worked together to transition maternity care from two clinics in Creston to a centralized clinic at the hospital, where families receive collaborative care throughout pregnancy, delivery, and beyond.

“Congratulations to all those who have been involved in the development of this new maternity-care model for the Creston area,” says Interior Health Board Chair Doug Cochrane. “A dedicated multi-disciplinary team, central clinic space, and convenient wraparound services including Public Health combine to provide the best care possible for mothers and babies.”

The clinic is open for appointments on Tuesdays from 9 – 11 a.m. and Thursdays from 1 – 3 p.m., and is available to all pregnant individuals. For appointments or more information call 250-428-3873.

Funding for the collaborative effort was provided by Facility Engagement, an initiative of the Specialist Services Committee and partnership of the Government of BC and Doctors of BC. It supports collaboration between physicians and health authorities towards improvements in the delivery of patient care.