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To: CAO Cory Ollikka, County of Smoky Lake

From: Dr. Kevin Worry, North Zone Medical Director, Alberta Health Services
Shelly Pusch, Chief Zone Officer, North Zone, Alberta Health Services

RE: New heliport at George McDougall Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre

We are excited to announce that starting today, the new heliport at the George McDougall Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre is operational.

The ability to have medevac helicopters land at the George McDougall Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre will improve access for patients who need critical care transport.

The heliport can now accommodate both STARS helicopters: the BK117 and the larger AW139.

By landing helicopters beside the George McDougall Smoky Lake Healthcare Centre, STARS will be able to transport patients in northern Alberta to and from the facility more directly.

We would like to congratulate everyone involved with making this happen including local staff, STARS and EMS.

Dr. Kevin Worry, North Zone Medical Director
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