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To: The Board of Directors

From: Tammy Menssa, Executive Director

Re: Naming of the Continuing Care Type B Wing at the Del-Air Lodge, Manning

Date: April 25, 2024

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As we prepare to open the newest addition to the Del-Air Lodge, a Continuing Care Type B (previously DSL) wing, it is an opportune time to acknowledge the history and heritage of the Town of Manning. In considering a name that embodies the spirit of Manning, we propose naming the new wing "Aurora Place." This name not only pays homage to the Town's origins but also symbolizes hope, renewal, and the promise of a brighter future for our residents.

The Town of Manning, nestled beside the Notikewin River, has a storied past dating back to its incorporation as a village in 1951 and subsequently as a town in 1957. Originally known as Aurora, the community flourished amidst the Battle River Prairie, attracting settlers, many of whom were veterans of World War I. However, when the prospect of confusion with Aurora, Ontario loomed and postal authorities disallowed the name, the residents decided to honour Ernest Manning, the sitting premier of Alberta, by renaming the town after him.

Derived from the Latin word for "dawn," an aurora is a natural phenomenon characterized by bright and colourful lights that illuminate the night sky. This celestial spectacle serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, evoking feelings of wonder and awe. In the context of a continuing care home, Aurora represents a guiding light, a source of comfort and reassurance for residents and their families as they navigate the challenges of aging and healthcare.

In naming the new wing "Aurora Place," we not only honour the historical roots of the Town of Manning but also instil a sense of optimism and vitality. Just as the aurora lights up the darkness, so too does Aurora Place illuminate the lives of our residents, providing them with the support, care, and companionship they need to thrive in their golden years. With its warm and welcoming atmosphere, Aurora Place embodies the spirit of community, offering a place of comfort and belonging for all who call it home.

Recommendation:

Move to name the newest addition to the Del-Air Lodge, a Continuing Care Type B (previously DSL) wing, Aurora Place.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tammy Menssa  
Executive Director