



Louise Myre brings a rural voice to Alberta Health Services



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Having your voice heard means a lot to Louise Myre when it comes to healthcare.

In fact, her mission as a member of the Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council is “to speak for those who do not have the knowledge, means or strength to speak up for themselves.”

“I also want to call attention to the unique challenges faced by isolated, rural communities and individuals as well as determine how they compare, and how they differ, from those in urban areas,” says the former Family and Community Support Services director.

She’s passionate about improving rural medical transportation and access to emergency mental health services.

“I would like to see readily available mental health services in the Lesser Slave Lake area (Slave Lake, High Prairie,

Wabasca) along with more medical transport and accommodation assistance for people who are sent out to cities for specialists or treatment.”

One thing that has made Louise feel right at home with her fellow Advisory Council members is their mutual desire to give generously of their time and expertise for the well-being of their community.

“I want people to know that we all share a strong volunteer sentiment – and we’re all here to contribute to improved care.”

Over a life well-lived, with her newest chapter now being written, Louise recalls: “I’ve had a lot of varied life-changing experiences that contribute to what I’m doing these days. I’ve been a farmer, worked in the commercial fishery, a bookkeeper, a newspaper reporter, a professional musician, a museum curator and an FCSS director, to name a few.”

Louise, who used to hold a pilot’s license, has indeed made a smooth, fulfilling landing into retirement at her home in Joussard. On top of her Council contributions, she keeps herself engaged these days with interests to stimulate her mind and keep her physically fit.

“I’m a musician and singer who coordinates musical events. I also like to hike and write - and spend quality time with my children, grandchildren and friends.”

For more information on the Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council, visit ahs.ca/advisorycouncils, or email lesserslavelake@ahs.ca.