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# News Release

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## ATTAWAPISKAT HOSPITAL UPDATE

WAHA began preparations this week to ensure the Attawapiskat hospital would be ready for full occupancy by this Friday, November 20, 2015. Unfortunately, due to a lack of consultant confirmations certifying the completed work, to allow us to reoccupy the building, we have had to postpone the move back in to the Hospital until that information is received. We are working diligently with all parties involved to address the issues and hope to provide good news soon.

This late news is very unfortunate and only serves to further delay the opportunity to reopen the Hospital in a timely manner. With that said, we need to ensure a safe, healthy working environment for our staff and the patients whom we serve.

We believe we are at that point for reoccupation but certainly require the commitment, confirmation, documentation and agreement from all those involved in order for us to move back into the hospital. We are hopeful that the resolution on these matters can be expedited sooner rather than later, as return to full operation will take approximately two to three weeks before the Elders can be relocated back to the Hospital.

Please note that the public is encouraged to continue to visit the Attawapiskat Health Centre for medical care until further notice.

We will keep you apprised of progress in achieving resolution on these outstanding issues and will provide the rescheduled move in date once we are able to confirm.

WAHA encourages the public to visit [www.waha.ca](http://www.waha.ca) for further updates.

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