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Larry Lowes, owner of West Winds Orchards, had bushels full of MacIntosh apples for sale last Saturday. Lowes only sells produce that he grows himself at his orchards in Clarksburg, near Collingwood, Ontario. He said he sells more apples per capita in Terrace Bay than he does in Thunder Bay and has a lot of return customers. He's been in business for 12-years and if you missed him this time don't fret. He'll be back in three-weeks with a new load of Macs and Spys as well.

Photo by Dave Chmara

Top award for McCausland as accreditation for three-years granted

By Dave Chmara

For the second consecutive time, and the second time in its history, McCausland Hospital has received a three-year accreditation from the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation.

The three-year accreditation is the longest term for which a hospital can receive accreditation and is granted to hospitals "that have above average compliance with standards in all areas of the hospital".

McCausland was inspected last July 6 and 7 by Dr. Bernard Snell, a physician with the Children's Hospital of Edmonton.

So far this year, Snell has inspected six hospitals in Alberta and just prior to the McCausland inspection, Snell was in Nipigon examining the hospital in that town.

Every department and aspect of McCausland Hospital was checked including: goals, objectives and planning, administration, medical services, nursing, plant and equipment services, ambulatory care services, x-ray services, emergency services, laboratories, pastoral care, patient and clinical records, therapy, dietary, housekeeping and personnel.

Chief Executive Officer of McCausland Hospital, Clem Fewer, said although this sounds like a lot to cover in the two day inspection, McCausland was sent a detailed questionnaire last January.

This questionnaire covered questions related to the above listed departments which helped give Snell a profile of the health care facility.

The Canadian Council on

Health Facilities Accreditation (CCHFA), a national organization, has a pool of doctors, nurses, administrative and financial people.

They have all been trained in accreditation procedures and Fewer said the choice of who inspects a hospital is usually determined by availability.

"A physician usually inspects a smaller hospital like ours because he's familiar with medicine and nursing procedures and has received training in the other areas. A larger hospital would probably have more people inspecting it - a doctor for medical facilities, a nurse for the nursing department, an administrator for the administration department and someone from finance for that department," said Fewer.

Snell's report was submitted to the CCHFA along with his recommendations on how McCausland can improve its operation.

The recommendations contained in the report were minor in nature, such as keeping a written record of the nursing department's meetings. McCausland is responding to these recommendations with its report on how it will address these recommendations.

Fewer said when it comes time for the accreditation, "it keeps everyone on their toes."

Commenting on the first time McCausland received a three-year accreditation, Fewer said, "it's not a matter of looking at what we did before, but of trying to see what we're doing wrong or where we can improve."

"Now we have a year to sit back and then we'll get geared up again for next time. I'm really

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