

# *Season's Greetings*

from the BC Nurses' Union

**EXPAND PUBLIC,  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
HEALTH SERVICES**

**SAVE  
Seniors'  
Care**



## SAVE SENIORS' CARE

Dear Mr. Premier,

All too often seniors in long term care homes are being forced to pay more and get less, as health authorities transfer community services to for-profit agencies and close down public long term care beds.

Health authorities are forcing seniors to move to private for-profit facilities where levels of nursing care and staffing are reduced. They're closing down entire public nursing homes such as Cowichan Lodge on Vancouver Island and Ponderosa Lodge in Kamloops, even though the needs for care are growing.

At the same time they're reducing publicly-provided home support in the community and forcing seniors to pay for expensive services from for-profit private agencies.

Seniors deserve high quality public health care wherever they need it.

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Dan Tatroff Photo: Cowichan Lodge nurses Louise McKelvie and Audrey Lyon.

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