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New corporate name and logo for PEI's Francophone health network

WELLINGTON, PEI – October 1, 2013 – After more than 10 years of existence, the province's Francophone health network officially became an incorporated organization under the name PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN). Over the past few months, the Board of Directors of the PEIFHN took advantage of the incorporation process to review its constitution and bylaws, change the organization's corporate name and adopt a new logo.

The Board of Directors of the organization, known until recently as the Prince Edward Island French Language Health Services Network, formed a working committee in 2012-2013 to review its constitution and bylaws, and take the necessary steps for the incorporation. On February 12, 2013, the Board of Directors adopted the new constitution and bylaws, as well as the new corporate name – PEI French Health Network.

It was on March 18, 2013 that the PEIFHN was incorporated pursuant to the *Companies Act of Prince Edward Island, R.S.P.E.I. 1988* Chapter C-14, and that its new constitution and bylaws came into effect.

According to Élise Arsenault, Director of the PEIFHN, the organization was finally ready to take the next step and become incorporated. "The Network has come a long way since those early days in 2002. Over the past 10 years, it took the time to establish itself in Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone community, understand the community's needs, and form solid partnerships in order to fulfill its mission."

The Health Network seized the opportunity to adopt a new logo that reflects its new image and mission: "The five different colored Google Maps style pointers represent the five partners who form the Health Network and work in collaboration towards the same objective. The logo also symbolizes continuous movement. The colors that were chosen correspond to Prince Edward Island's landscape", concluded Ms. Arsenault.

The PEIFHN would like to take this opportunity to thank the Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin (SSTA), who acted as the Health Network's trustee until its incorporation.

The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 17 networks that make up the Société Santé en français.

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