



## Prepared Proactive Community Partners

A key objective of the Gabriola Health Care Society is to create and facilitate continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated health care on Gabriola Island.

### Developmental Milestones:

**2007 – Interim emergency treatment room (ETR) opens.** This was a necessary condition to obtaining critical cardiac clot busting drugs and on-call funding. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) begins to provide medical supplies and some equipment.

**2007 – New Physician commences practice.**

**2008 – MOCAP** -As a result of critical meetings which took place with Ministry of Health & VIHA officials, Gabriola physicians become entitled to on-call emergency compensation.

**2009 – Another New Physician** – As a result of meetings with the Minister of Health, Gabriola was awarded a Family Physicians for BC (FPs4BC) allocation with the result that another new physician will commence practice this summer.

**New Equipment** – Through the generosity of the Gabriola Lions Club and many donors to the Gabriola Health Care Foundation, new equipment has been added to the ETR, along with improved diagnostic equipment (see sidebars).

**Data Pilot Project** – High quality, timely and relevant data is fundamental to the delivery of modern health services. Through the efforts of the Society, Gabriola has been selected as one of five community participants in a pilot project designed to support fact based patient centred health care planning.

**Patients are returning to Gabriola** – Approximately 3000 Gabriola residents now have a Gabriola family physician, compared with approximately 2000 in 2008.

**Integrated Health Network (IHN)** – Gabriola doctors join the IHN to facilitate enhanced care and support to patients with two or more chronic conditions.

