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WIGMORE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FEELING AFFECTS OF WEATHER CHANGE

Visitors to the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital in recent days have noticed buckets collecting dripping water in the main entryway. Minor water damage has been caused in a number of locations along the glass perimeter of the main atrium, likely brought on by the dramatic temperature change experienced over the weekend.

Building contractors and engineers have been contacted to assist in determining the cause of the problem but according to VP of Environmental Services, Jim Allen, the problem is most likely not related to the roof. *“We had a small amount of water dripping last spring in the same area of the building and at that time we worked with our local roofing contractor to undertake a thorough inspection of the roof. The inspection found the roof to be water-tight which was confirmed when we had no leaks in those areas through the wet summer. Because we’ve done that investigation and there has been virtually no snow accumulation on the roof we’re quite certain a leak in the roof isn’t the cause of the water we’re experiencing.”* Allen suspects that the issue is likely related to a problem with the vapor barrier allowing warm air in the building to condensate and freeze, creating ice on the structure which thawed with the sudden warmer weather. *“Our maintenance team will be working with our building contractors and engineers to identify the source of the problem and implement a solution as soon as possible.”*

Services throughout the hospital are continuing, normal operations and patient care has not been affected by this situation.

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