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Mr. Chris Sullivan, Director  
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Island Health  
2101 Richmond Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

**Re: Esquimalt Urgent and Primary Care Centre  
Request for Designation of Health Unit**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD), I am writing to express the Board's support of Island Health to have Esquimalt Urgent Primary Care Centre at 890 Esquimalt Road, Victoria designated as a health facility under Section 49 of the *Hospital District Act*.

The Board supports the implementation of urgent and primary care centres as part of Island Health's primary care network. Providing a full range of primary health-care options to patients who currently do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner, including weekends and after-hours, will take pressure off hospital emergency departments.

This is an important project supporting the health of those living on Vancouver Island and the Board fully supports Island Health's request to have Esquimalt Urgent and Primary Care Centre designated as a health facility.

Sincerely,

Denise Blackwell, Chair  
Capital Regional Hospital District

cc: Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kevin Lorette, P.Eng., MBA, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services  
Michael Barnes, Senior Manager, Health & Capital Planning Strategies