

**REPORT TO HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2021**

SUBJECT **Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Redevelopment Funding Request**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Approval of a Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) \$3,000,000 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw is required for Island Health to proceed with the \$10,340,000 Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Redevelopment project.

BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2020, the CRHD Board approved CRHD to cost share \$3,000,000 of the Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Redevelopment Project. Lady Minto Hospital is a primary care hospital serving the residents of Salt Spring and the outer Gulf Islands. CRHD will cost share \$3,000,000 on this project. The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation will fund the remaining capital costs. Island Health has guaranteed operating resources for the facility. Construction is anticipated to be completed by May 2023.

Located at 135 Crofton Road on Salt Spring Island, the existing emergency department located within the hospital was built approximately 60 years ago. The proposed redevelopment includes a new emergency department and a dedicated area for a medical imaging department. The project will expand the current health care wing taking over a portion of the south-west lot.

The Lady Minto Emergency Redevelopment project has been identified on CRHD capital plans since 2013. This project is the first significant renovation at Lady Minto Hospital since 2005. It will support the identified need for additional treatment rooms, new triage admitting area, dedicated emergency room entrance, and supply and equipment storage.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) Board:

- a) That CRHD funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 be approved for the Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Redevelopment Project;
- b) That CRHD Bylaw No. 409, “Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 183, 2021” be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
- c) That CRHD Bylaw No. 409 be adopted.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Intergovernmental Implications

On October 14, 2020 The CRHD Board approved cost sharing the Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Redevelopment project with the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Island Health is still an important partner on this project and is guaranteeing operating resources for the facility.

Financial Implications

The project will be funded in partnership with the CRHD and Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. On March 24, 2021, the CRHD Board approved the 2021-2030 Amended Capital Plan which included the Lady Minto Project at a total project cost of \$10,340,000. The CRHD's share of the total project cost is capped at \$3,000,000 and will be debt serviced through the Municipal Finance Authority. The project will be cash flowed over years 2021-2023 and the CRHD share will be debt serviced through the Municipal Finance Authority. The debt servicing costs are included in the approved 2021-2025 Final Budget.

CONCLUSION

The Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Redevelopment project addresses the need to enhance emergency care services on Salt Spring Island and was included in 2021 of the 2021-2030 CRHD Capital Plan. With approval of a CRHD \$3,000,000 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw, Island Health can proceed with the planned redevelopment to accommodate long term preservation of quality health care on the Islands.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: CRHD Bylaw No. 409, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 183, 2021"