

**REPORT TO HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2024**

SUBJECT **Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital – Approval of Capital Bylaw No. 423**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Approval of a Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) \$616,715 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw is required for Island Health to proceed with the \$2,055,718 Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital (VGH).

BACKGROUND

Island Health retained an Elevator Consultant to review the condition of the elevators at the VGH and provide recommendations on work that needs to be completed. The elevators at the hospital were originally installed in 1983 and modernized in 2006. Based on the age and condition of the equipment, refurbishment of the elevators is recommended. The project will address safety and code compliance, reliability, and performance, simplify use of the elevator system, and associated mechanical and electrical work.

Resources will be utilized for retention of engineering consulting services to undertake design development, tender for construction services, manufacture equipment, installation and refurbish elevators.

A bylaw authorizing CRHD’s capital contribution of \$616,715, which is 30% of \$2,055,718 is shown in Appendix A.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

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

- 1) That Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) funding in the amount of \$616,715 be approved for Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital;
- 2) That CRHD Bylaw No. 423, “Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No.193, 2024” be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
- 3) That CRHD Bylaw No. 423 be adopted.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information based on Hospitals and Housing Committee direction.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The Elevator Refurbishment project at Victoria General Hospital has been included in the CRHD 10-Year Capital Plan since 2022 as a potential partnership between the CRHD and Island Health. Island Health will provide \$1,439,003 (70%) and CRHD \$616,715 (30%), for a total project cost of \$2,055,718.

The total project budget and CRHD share are reflected in the 2024-2033 CRHD 10-Year Capital Plan that was approved by the CRHD Board on October 25, 2023. The project costs will be cash flowed over years 2024-2026 and the CRHD share of \$616,715 will be debt serviced through the Municipal Finance Authority. The cost of debt servicing for the CRHD contribution has been included in the 2024 Board Approved Financial Plan based on cash flow projections provided by Island Health.

CONCLUSION

Approval of a CRHD Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw is required to proceed with elevator refurbishment at VGH. This capital project will help ensure Island Health is able to provide quality health care services for the capital region.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: CRHD Bylaw No. 423, “Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 193, 2024”