

**REPORT TO HOSPITALS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2026**

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**SUBJECT**     **Funding Partnership for Seniors Care Facility at Lady Minto Hospital**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To determine if the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) can provide funding for needs assessment and facility planning of long-term care at Lady Minto Hospital.

**BACKGROUND**

At the October 08, 2025 CRHD Board meeting, the following motion was passed:

*“That CRD staff meet with Island Health and report on the possibility of a funding partnership between Island Health and Capital Regional Hospital District to provide \$100,000 in year 2026 to help fund the initial needs assessment, site and facility planning, and potential funding partnerships, and a further \$400,000 in year 2027 for conceptual design and Class D cost estimates for a co-located seniors care facility at Lady Minto Hospital, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island.”*

Staff have met with Island Health and have been informed that health authorities require prior approval from the Ministry prior to developing concept plans or business plans for Priority Investment projects. As long-term care at Lady Minto has recently been removed from the Ten-Year Capital Plan, Island Health would not seek Ministry approval to proceed with planning for this project. We have also been advised that Treasury Board submissions developed by ministries without explicit direction from the Minister of Finance will not be reviewed and submissions on Priority Investment Projects that do not have notional funding in the Capital Plan will also not be reviewed. Staff have followed up with the Executive Director of the Lady Minto Foundation to inform them that without support from Island Health the CRHD is unable to cost share on facility planning.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1*

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

That no additional funding be provided for needs assessment and facility planning of long-term care at Lady Minto Hospital in the Capital Regional Hospital District 2026-2030 financial plan.

*Alternative 2*

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

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

The recommended course of action will have no impact on the minor capital spending plan for the year as it advises against a change to the minor capital project list. No additional funding and no budgetary changes are required to the 2026-2030 financial plan.

*First Nations Implications*

There are no anticipated implications for First Nations associated with this report. The recommendation maintains the status quo and does not introduce new policy, land use changes, or operational impacts that would affect First Nations interests.

*Intergovernmental Implications*

A health facility designation is a requirement for any project requiring capital investment by the Hospital District. As such, it is essential that CRHD partner with or have the support of Island Health and the Province on any feasibility work. There are no anticipated intergovernmental implications associated with this report. The recommendation maintains the status quo and does not affect relationships, agreements, or coordination with other levels of government or external agencies.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff continue to collaborate with Island Health to refine capital plans that best meet the region’s needs. Each project undergoes review in its designated year and is subject to prioritization and Board approval. As a result of this process, it is recommended that no additional funding be provided for needs assessment and facility planning of long-term care at Lady Minto Hospital at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

That no additional funding be provided for needs assessment and facility planning of long-term care at Lady Minto Hospital in the Capital Regional Hospital District 2026-2030 financial plan.

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