

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

SUBJECT **Victoria Urgent and Primary Care Centre #2 Funding Request**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Approval of a Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) \$1,499,592 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw is required for Island Health to proceed with the \$4,998,639 Victoria Urgent and Primary Care Centre #2 capital project. The location of this Urgent and Primary Care Centre (UPCC) will be announced by the Ministry of Health.

BACKGROUND

Urgent Primary Care Centres, as part of the BC government's primary health care strategy, will provide both primary care to patients who do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner and urgent weekend and after-hours care for unexpected, non-life threatening health concerns requiring same day treatment, taking pressure off hospital emergency departments. Four UPCCs have now opened in the Capital Regional District including Langford (Goldstream Avenue), North Quadra (Chatterton Way), James Bay (Michigan Street) and Victoria (Pandora Avenue).

A Bylaw (Appendix A) authorizing the capital contribution is required in order to contribute \$1,499,592, which is 30% of the total capital budget of \$4,998,639.

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 \$1,499,592 be approved for the Victoria Urgent and Primary Care Centre #2;
- b) That CRHD Bylaw No. 408, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 182, 2021" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
- c) That CRHD Bylaw No. 408 be adopted.

Alternative 2

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

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

On March 24, 2021, the CRHD Board approved the project as part of the amended 2021-2030 CRHD 10-Year Capital Plan. Total project funding for Victoria UPCC #2, in the amount of \$4,998,639 was included in 2021 of the amended 2021-2030 Capital Plan.

The Victoria UPCC #2 capital budget will be cost shared with the Ministry of Health/Island Health, with CRHD contributing 30% capital towards the project. The CRHD's share of \$1,499,592 would be debt financed through the Municipal Finance Authority. This debt servicing cost is included in the approved 2021-2025 Final Budget.

CONCLUSION

The Victoria UPCC #2 project addresses the need to increase access to primary care and was included in 2021 of the amended 2021-2030 CRHD Capital Plan. With approval of a CRHD \$1,499,592 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw, Island Health can proceed with tenant improvements and capital acquisition to accommodate the planned services.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: CRHD Bylaw No. 408, “Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 182, 2021”