

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

SUBJECT **Esquimalt Urgent and Primary Care Centre Funding Request**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Approval of a Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) \$886,414 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw is required for Island Health to proceed with the \$2,954,713 Esquimalt Urgent and Primary Care Centre (UPCC) capital project and provide a letter of support to designate the center located at 890 Esquimalt Road as a health facility under the *Hospital District Act*.

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 \$886,414, which is 30% of the revised total capital budget of \$ 2,954,713. Island Health also requests a letter of support to have the facility designated under the *Hospital District Act* (Appendix B).

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 \$886,414 be approved for the Esquimalt Urgent and Primary Care Centre (UPCC);
- b) That CRHD Bylaw No. 407, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 181, 2021" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time;
- c) That CRHD Bylaw No. 407 be adopted; and
- d) That CRHD provide Island Health a letter of support to designate Esquimalt UPCC a health facility under Section 49 of the *Hospital District Act*.

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 cost for Esquimalt UPCC, in the amount of \$2,954,713 was included in 2021 of the amended 2021-2030 Capital Plan.

Esquimalt UPCC 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 \$886,414 would be debt financed through the Municipal Finance Authority. The debt servicing cost is included in the approved 2021-2025 Final Budget.

CONCLUSION

Esquimalt UPCC project addresses the need to increase access to primary care and was included in 2021 of the 2021-2030 CRHD Capital Plan. With approval of a CRHD \$886,414 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(S)

Appendix A: CRHD Bylaw No. 407, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 181, 2021"

Appendix B: Draft Letter of Support