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Dear Ministers Osborne and Ma:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OAK BAY LODGE

On behalf of the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) Board, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Island Health's submission regarding the redevelopment of the former Oak Bay Lodge site. We recognize the importance of this project in addressing critical health service needs within our community.

The Oak Bay Lodge site presents a unique and timely opportunity to establish a modern, comprehensive health facility that aligns with the evolving needs of the capital region. Following community consultation and collaboration with Island Health, the CRHD, and key partners—including the Kiwanis Pavilion and Victoria Hospice— an economic feasibility study has identified viable pathways for redevelopment that would enhance long-term care, hospice, restorative care services, adult day programs, and other essential health services.

The CRHD acknowledges that a publicly funded redevelopment scenario would be beneficial to the region, ensuring accessibility and sustainability of care services. The CRHD is committed to contribute funding as identified in the feasibility study and to partner with Island Health to secure the necessary funding and operational commitments to bring this vision to fruition. Specifically, the CRHD has allocated a placeholder of \$300 million in its [2025 Ten-Year Capital Plan](#), contributing 30 percent of the required project capital for the redevelopment of Oak Bay Lodge. The CRHD is also prepared to consider financing options for the entire cost of the project that align with our mandate and financial capacity.

The CRHD Board respectfully urges the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Infrastructure to prioritize this project and provide the necessary funding and approvals to enable its progression. The successful redevelopment of Oak Bay Lodge will not only address current healthcare needs but also support the long-term resilience of our region's health infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure the success of this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Murdoch".

Kevin Murdoch, Chair
Capital Regional Hospital District Board

cc: Leah Hollins, Board Chair, Island Health
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