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Lisa Helps, Mayor  
City of Victoria  
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Via email: [mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca)

Dear Mayor Helps:

**RE: 950 KINGS ROAD**

Thank you for your letter of April 12, 2019 regarding 950 Kings Road. In 2016, the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) acquired 950 Kings Road, Victoria, (former Blanshard Elementary School) from School District 61 as a strategic acquisition for future development by the CRHD for a designated health facility. When the property was acquired the CRHD conducted its due diligence and purchased the property because it had existing zoning, which would allow for future development of hospital and housing purposes.

In March 2017, the CRHD Board directed staff to form a working group to explore strategic alternatives for the Blanshard Hillside Corridor. The CRHD is part of a Blanshard Hillside Corridor Steering Committee discussing a master plan for the development of the area. The steering committee includes representatives from BC Housing, Island Health, the Capital Regional Housing Corporation (CRHC), the Greater Victoria School District and the City of Victoria. The steering group intends to hire a community engagement consultant to ensure the community concerns are embedded in the planning process.

The specific details of a project proposal and options for consideration will be advanced to the closed Hospitals and Housing committee on May 1, 2019. Please find the property condition assessment attached.

Sincerely,



Robert (Bob) Lapham, MCIP, RPP  
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Colin Plant, Chair, Capital Regional District Board  
Kevin Lorette, General Manager Planning and Protective Services

Attachment: Property Condition Assessment