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Mr. Chris Sullivan, Director Capital Planning Island Health 2101 Richmond Avenue Victoria, BC V8R 4R7

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Re: James Bay Urgent and Primary Care Centre Request for Designation of Health Unit

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD), I am writing to express the Board's support of Island Health to have the James Bay Urgent Primary Care Centre at 547 Michigan Street, Victoria designated as a health facility under Section 49 of the *Hospital District Act*.

The Board supports the implementation of urgent and primary care centres as part of Island Health's new health-care strategy. Providing a full range of health-care options to patients who currently do not have a family doctor will take pressure off emergency departments.

This is an important project supporting the health of those living on Vancouver Island and the Board fully supports Island Health's request to have the James Bay Urgent and Primary Care Centre designated as a health facility.

Sincerely,

Denise Blackwell, Chair Capital Regional Hospital District

cc: Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Lorette, P.Eng., MBA, General Manager Planning and Protective Services Michael Barnes, Senior Manager, Health & Capital Planning Strategies