

COMOX STRATHCONA  
REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT



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Chair and Directors  
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District

**Re: North Island Hospital – Parking Fees**

Attached is a June 2, 2017 email communication from the BC Citizens for Quality Health Care.

The following motion of the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District (CSRHD) board was passed at the October 13, 2016 board meeting:

“THAT the CSRHD support its member municipalities to pass a bylaw to prohibit any type of parking fees at the new north island hospitals.”

The cities of Campbell River and Courtenay have since passed bylaws to this effect.

I find it inappropriate that the Vancouver Island Health Authority would contravene bylaws in place for both new hospitals, incurring great costs and ignoring the law and public sentiment.

As a board we have resolved to support both the City of Campbell River and the City of Courtenay in their initiation of bylaws to avoid pay parking. Therefore I wish to reaffirm our board’s position that we will continue to stand behind our member municipalities and request consideration of the following:

“THAT the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District board reaffirm support for its member municipalities in initiation of bylaws prohibiting any type of parking fees at the new North Island hospitals.”

Respectfully,

***J. Abram***

Jim Abram  
Director

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**From:** Kelly Kenney  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** Teresa Warnes  
**Cc:** James Warren  
**Subject:** FW: Hospital parking fees

**From:** Jim Abram <[jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)>  
**Date:** June 1, 2017 at 7:23:40 PM EDT  
**To:** Charlie Cornfield <[charlie.cornfield@campbellriver.ca](mailto:charlie.cornfield@campbellriver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hospital parking fees

I assume you are aware of this but thought I should send it along anyway.. I would like it on our next agenda, please..

Thanks, Charlie

Jim

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Lois @ Ed Jarvis" <[loed@telus.net](mailto:loed@telus.net)>  
**Subject:** Hospital parking fees  
**Date:** June 1, 2017 at 11:41:46 AM PDT  
**To:** CFQHC List Serve <[CQHC@crcn3.net](mailto:CQHC@crcn3.net)>

Campbell River north Citizens for Quality Health Care - In spite of having By-laws in effect in both Campbell River and Courtenay to prohibit hospital pay parking the provincial govt and Island Health waited until the election was over and are now installing parking meters at both hospital sites to proceed with hospital pay parking. We were informed the order for the installation of pay parking meters came from a very high up person in govt.

There was no attempt to discuss the matter with Campbell River or Courtenay Councils prior to doing this.

If they attempt to charge for parking they will be contravening By-laws at both hospitals. If they enter into an agreement with a private parking company we would have to wonder about the legality of such an agreement due to the By-laws in place.

Mayor Jangula of Courtenay said he was informed by his staff that parking meters were being installed at the Courtenay hospital. He said the City of Courtenay have the backing of all of the communities in the Strathcona and Comox Regional Districts to take the matter further if necessary.

I spoke with MLA Claire Trevena who is yet to be sworn in along with all the rest of the members of the govt. of BC. Claire said she was surprised and disturbed to hear of this. She has offered her full support to Campbell River and Courtenay Councils, to the North Island Mayors and to all the people of the North Island in upholding the existing By-laws to prohibit hospital pay parking.

Mr. John Horgan twice stated that there will be no parking fees at an hospital where there have not been previous parking fees charged. So should he become Premier we have full trust he will honour his promise.

We will be strongly supporting Campbell River and Courtenay Councils to uphold the By-laws and we will be calling on all the people of the North Island to join us by offering their support as well.

We hope the govt. and Island Health will respect the By-laws of Campbell River and Courtenay and not force them to take the matter further spending taxpayers money on an unnecessary court case.

Lois, Ed, Rich and Joanne  
Citizens for Quality Health Care

Sent from my iPad