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Chair and Directors
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board
770 Harmston Avenue
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Dear Chair Cornfield and Directors:

Re: Request to Undertake Strategic Review of Service Level Needs

At their meeting on July 28, 2020, the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board endorsed an engagement strategy for the COVID-19 Renewal Plan, which provides a high level outline of the plan and a rollout for introduction into the community. The plan will commit to four key actions for our core services: Keep Services Affordable, Streamline Processes, Protect Quality of Life and Care for the Community.

CVRD staff are currently evaluating projects and presenting options to the Board, its committees and commissions and partners. The CVRD will hold a strategic session in September to consider the various renewal initiatives and define its Renewal Plan to guide our next budget process.

At a meeting with Chair Cornfield and myself in May, we discussed that residents of both the CVRD and SRD are facing similar economic challenges and working together, where we can, on a solution is the right thing to do. In light of this, I am writing on behalf of the CVRD Board to request that the CSRHD undertake a strategic review of service level needs with the completion of the Comox Valley and Campbell River hospital builds and funding requirements known, with consideration of property tax requisition levels and required reserve balance levels to meet future service objectives. Such an assessment may lead to some savings that benefit today's taxpayers, while still positively positioning the CSRHD for future opportunities.

I look forward to working with yourself and the other directors at the CSRHD Board table as we work through various opportunities for renewal following the pandemic.

Sincerely,

J. Ketler

Jesse Ketler
Chair

cc: R. Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer, CVRD