



Staff Report

DATE: March 12, 2024

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TO: Chair and Directors
Regional Hospital District

FROM: James Warren
Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: Island Health Liaison Update

Purpose

To provide an update on the March 4, 2024 Island Health liaison meeting (IH).

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer

This report is for information purposes only.

Executive Summary

At the April 1, 2021 meeting the Board approved the Chair and Vice-Chair to meet with Island Health several times each year to advance the following:

- **Advocate:** To influence the Provincial government and IH to advance the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District (CSRHD) strategic interests and ambitions and to foster broad support for the improvement of healthcare facilities within the region;
- **Cooperate:** To seek opportunities and arrangements to build and nurture a positive working relationship with IH through meaningful dialogue and the identification and pursuit of mutually beneficial projects and initiatives;
- **Inform:** To work on clarifying roles, identifying and promoting ways the public can engage with IH, to inform both the public and IH, and establish a two-way communication vehicle between CSRHD and IH; and
- **Engage:** To explore and address identified issues or interests of the CSRHD concerning operational healthcare services or other matters outside the traditional mandate of the CSRHD

Aligned with above direction, this report presents a summary of the discussion from the March 4, 2024 meeting.

Attendees:

- Robyn Mawhinney, Vice Chair
- Dave Boychuk, Executive Director, IH
- Max Jajszczok, Executive Director, Clinical Operations, IH
- James Warren, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jake Martens, General Manager of Corporate Services

Topics Discussed:

- Long Term Care (LTC) project in Campbell River – Island Health project team continues to work through detailed design, procurement, operational implications. Consideration also being given towards child care spaces at the LTC facility while being mindful of the need for securing an operator following project completion.
- Community Services Hub in Comox Valley – Island Health staff are identifying potential locations for the proposed service hub; a staff report will be developed for a subsequent Board meeting that considers the location, various roles towards executing this project and potential for co-locating other services.
- Designation of additional rural and remote facilities – the appeal of the decision to deny the Board’s request is still with the Ministry of Health and Island Health continues to advocate on our behalf. It is not expected that the appeal will be resolved until at least the fall or later.

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