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Kathy MacNeil
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Via email: Kathryn.MacNeil@islandhealth.ca

Dear Kathy MacNeil:

RE: LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND

On behalf of the Board of the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD), I am writing to formally advocate for Island Health to complete the needs assessment for long-term care services on Salt Spring Island and to seek approval from the Ministry of Health for related site and facility planning, including examination of possible funding partnerships.


The CRHD Board recognizes the importance of ensuring that residents of Salt Spring Island have access to appropriate senior's care infrastructure and long-term care services that meet current and future community needs. The CRHD Board further understands that any capital planning or facility development process for health infrastructure requires leadership and sponsorship from Island Health, including Ministry of Health approval for Priority Investment planning.

While the CRHD has previously expressed willingness to explore a funding partnership to support preliminary planning work for a potential long-term care facility at Lady Minto Hospital, staff have been advised that Island Health is unable to proceed with concept or business planning without prior Ministry of Health approval and inclusion of the project within approved capital planning frameworks.

Given the demonstrated community interest and the importance of long-term care planning for Salt Spring Island, the CRHD Board respectfully requests that Island Health:

1. Complete the needs assessment for long-term care services on Salt Spring Island;
2. Seek Ministry of Health approval to undertake related site and facility planning; and
3. Include a Salt Spring Long-Term Care facility on the CRHD Ten-year Capital Plan in the near future.

The CRHD remains committed to collaborating with Island Health and other partners on future health infrastructure initiatives that align with regional priorities and approved provincial planning processes.



Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We look forward to continued collaboration on health care planning that supports the residents of Salt Spring Island and the broader capital region.

Sincerely,



Kevin Murdoch, Chair
Capital Regional Hospital District Board

cc: Capital Regional Hospital District Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Housing, Planning & Protective Services, CRD

