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Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Health
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Dear Minister:

Re: Urgent and Primary Care Centre Financial Obligations Ministry of Health Response 1280186

The North Okanagan Columbia Shuswap Regional Hospital District (NOCSRHD) Board of Directors thanks you for your correspondence of December 13, 2024 and appreciates the time you took to address our communication. The Province's primary care strategy, which supports the transition from a traditional family practice model to a team-based approach with a diverse mix of providers and innovative clinic models, is intriguing.

At the Board meeting on January 21, 2025, the Directors passed the following resolution:

THAT: the North Okanagan/Columbia Shuswap Regional Hospital District Board of Directors write a letter thanking the Ministry of Health for the educational component of their response received on December 13, 2024 and encourage the Ministry to reply to the question asked in our letter.

The Board has consistently supported the Urgent and Primary Care Centre (UPCC) model for its patient-centered approach. However, we are gravely concerned about the potential downloading of cost to the Regional Hospital District. The Board seeks clarity on how these facilities will be funded. Will the Province fully fund the cost of construction, operation, and maintenance? If not, the Board foresees an issue as these facilities start to increase in numbers as it will create considerable financial stress on the Regional Districts, leaving other critical projects in jeopardy. The Board requests a straightforward explanation of the Province's funding expectations for these UPCCs.

We look forward to your timely response on the shift of funding responsibility from the Province and the concerning impact it has on Regional Hospital Districts in our collective efforts to invest in the health care of BC residents.

Yours truly,

NORTH OKANAGAN COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Per:



Kevin Acton
Board Chair

cc: Kelly McQuillen, Executive Director, Primary Care Division