

July 4, 2018

Al Richmond, Vice Chair
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Dear Mr. Richmond:

Re: NCLGA Meeting Fort Nelson, May 8 & 9, 2018

We would like to thank the Cariboo Regional District for requesting a meeting with us during the recent North Central Local Government Association convention in Fort Nelson. These meetings are an important opportunity for Northern Health to hear from communities.

At our meeting, we discussed the status of the GR Baker Hospital ED/ICU project. We are working with the Ministry of Technology, Innovation, and Citizen's Services to undertake the necessary First Nations consultation given the known cultural & archeological history at the hospital site. Northern Health is working with the consultant to complete the business plan. We expect the business plan to be completed by the early fall.

We also discussed the concerns from the Cariboo Regional District regarding the recent decision to allow the North West Regional Hospital District to contribute less than 40% to the Mills Memorial Hospital replacement capital project and the impact of this decision on other RHDs across the province. We understand your recommendation that an analysis should be undertaken to assess the impact of a decreasing capacity for RHDs to contribute 40% towards major capital projects. It will be important for this topic to be raised with the Ministry of Health, Capital Planning Division.

Thank you again for meeting with us.

Sincerely,



Cathy Ulrich
President and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Colleen Nyce, Chair, Northern Health Board
Penny Anguish, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Interior
Debbie Strang, Health Service Administrator, Quesnel
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