

November 29, 2018

To: Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District members:

Re: Cariboo Memorial Hospital Business Plan Development:

Please accept this letter regarding the status of the Cariboo Memorial Hospital (CMH) Redevelopment project, currently in the business plan development stage.

Interior Health's planning for CMH Redevelopment dates back to 2011, when a master site plan was completed. This identified four clinical priorities for redevelopment: inpatient care (including maternity), emergency services, ambulatory care and pharmacy.

In 2015, a concept plan was developed. The plan was later refreshed by Interior Health in 2017, exploring options for CMH redevelopment.

In February of 2018, the provincial government approved the refreshed concept plan to move to the business plan development stage, a stage that will be complete by spring of 2019 when the business plan will be submitted to the provincial government for their approval.

The Interior Health team, along with consultants hired to work on the business plan, have been to Williams Lake multiple times through the spring, summer and fall this year, holding stakeholder meetings at CMH with staff, physicians and community members.

A dedicated stakeholder group was also created consisting of local Aboriginal groups, Urban Aboriginal groups and the Metis Association to allow them the opportunity to provide input towards the design of the hospital. One of these meetings was held at Soda Creek with 30 elders from area Aboriginal Groups.

At this stage of the business plan, the team from Interior Health is receiving key documents from their consultants as the plan for the CMH Redevelopment begins to take shape. The needs of the hospital have grown since the original master site plan and the final scope of the project will not be released until after the provincial government approves the business plan.

During the past few years, there has been general escalation of costs for construction projects across the province, putting a financial strain on planning for the project. A firm budget for the project is part of the business plan and will be communicated once finalized.



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It's our goal to bring CMH up to a modern standard of care, to enhance patient care and working conditions, and set the site up to deliver the best care possible for the residents of the Cariboo Chilcotin who rely on CMH now and in the future.

Over the next several months we will have more communication with the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District, but please accept this letter as an update about the planning underway for the CMH Redevelopment project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent", is written on a light blue horizontal line.

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