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December 17, 2020

Dear Mr. MacLean:

**RE: CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE 2021/22 FISCAL YEAR**

Please find enclosed our annual funding request for Interior Health's (IH) next fiscal year for your approval. It is based on IH's capital budget, which has been approved by our Board. The budget is developed by prioritizing identified capital needs throughout our organization with available funding sources while considering IH's and government strategies. Provincially, there is still a strong focus on Primary & Community Care Transformation, which has been reflected in the budget with the inclusion of several Urgent and Primary Care Centres, Primary Care Networks and Community Health Centre.

In addition, there are continued efforts to improve senior's care, the urgency of which the pandemic has only highlighted. IH is planning to build several new long-term care facilities over the next few years across our region. The pandemic also has had an impact on surgical services, which is reflected in the budget with the acquisition of pertinent instrumentation for our operating rooms.

The bulk of the capital budget, however, is focused on infrastructure investments that aim at maintaining the basic services at our sites, whether it be on the facility side, equipment replacement or information technology maintenance and expansion.

Please note that all capital initiatives over \$100,000 are subject to government approval. To aid you with your planning efforts, we will be providing you with information regarding notional government funding, a high level estimate of the three year funding requirement and a listing of IH's major prioritized items under separate cover.

For the 2021/22 fiscal year we are requesting funding for the following projects and equipment:

**1. Construction Project over \$100,000**

**Primary Care Network in 100 Mile House**

Across BC, family physicians, health authorities and community partners are working to transform the delivery of primary care through establishment of Primary Care Networks. IH, Central Interior Rural Division of Family Practice and the Secwepemc, Tsilhqot'in, and Dakelh Dene Nations have come together as partners to implement and support the development of the Central Interior Rural Primary Care Network (CIR PCN). On September 20, 2020 the government of B.C. announced the new PCN which will include registered nurses, nurse practitioners, Aboriginal patient navigators, allied health professionals and a traditional wellness co-ordinator.

Space has been identified within existing IH facilities to accommodate continued development of the CIR PCN, with renovations required for expanded primary care services and staffing to be fully implemented.

## 2. Construction Projects under \$100,000

### a. Condensing Unit Upgrade at 100 Mile District General Hospital, 100 Mile House

This site's rooftop air conditioning condensing unit, which services the laboratory area of the facility, has damage to the coils. This project will replace the unit, line set, and evaporator coils.

### b. Shower Room Renovation at 100 Mile District General Hospital, 100 Mile House

Two patient rooms have existing washrooms with toilet and sink but no shower or tub. The renovation of a storage space between these inpatient rooms is required to remedy this situation. Older facilities have accessibility issues for patients and staff which can lead to injuries. The scope of the work includes a walk-in shower room with infection control compliant surfaces, accessible from adjoining rooms.

## 3. IH-Wide Information Technology (IMIT)

The ongoing advancement of the IH digital platform is a key enabler of IH's ability to support health service operations, enable key strategies, improve quality and patient safety, and incorporate innovation to improve effectiveness and efficiency. This year's IMIT strategy builds on prior year investments with ongoing improvements in the communication and exchange of critical patient clinical documentation to both patients and their health care providers. In addition this year's request includes improved functionality for diagnostic tests vital for quality patient care.

This IMIT project is an IH-wide initiative costing approximately \$12.5 million. The project's benefits are distributed equally across IH regions; therefore the cost allocation to each of the seven Regional Hospital Districts (RHD) is based upon population data using the PEOPLE 2020, BC Statistics. The Cariboo Chilcotin RHD's percentage ratio is approximately 5%. Claims on this project will be calculated using this percentage for the actual cost distribution.

## 4. Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)

We are requesting global funding for equipment that costs between \$5,000 and \$100,000 for both the Williams Lake area and 100 Mile House area.

A financial summary of our funding requests is provided in Appendix 1. We would appreciate it, if you could submit the requests to your Board for consideration. Please advise us of the meeting date when they will be discussed to enable us to have IH representatives attend and to answer questions that may arise. If the requests should receive approval, please send Birgit Koster copies of the relevant bylaws for our records.

We thank you for your on-going support of our capital initiatives. If you require further information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Corey Wein at (778) 214-7591 or me directly.

Sincerely,



**Sylvia Weir, Chief Financial Officer**

Interior Health Authority

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Encl. Appendix 1 ~ Summary of Regional Health District Funding Request for 2021/22

cc: Bob Simpson, Chair, Cariboo Chilcotin RHD  
Kevin Erickson, Chief Financial Officer, Cariboo Chilcotin RHD  
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# Interior Health

## Cariboo Chilcotin

### Summary of Regional Hospital District Funding Request for 2021/22

Appendix 1

| Facility                           | Location       | Project Description                                    | Total Budget        | RHD Share         | 2021/22 Funding Request |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                                    |                | <b><u>Construction Project over \$100,000</u></b>      |                     |                   |                         |
| TBD                                | 100 Mile House | Primary Care Network                                   | \$ 500,000          | \$ 200,000        | <b>\$ 200,000</b>       |
|                                    |                | <b><u>Construction Projects under \$100,000</u></b>    |                     |                   |                         |
| 100 Mile District General Hospital | 100 Mile House | Condensing Unit Upgrade                                | 95,000              | 38,000            | <b>38,000</b>           |
| 100 Mile District General Hospital | 100 Mile House | Shower Room Renovation                                 | 95,000              | 38,000            | <b>38,000</b>           |
|                                    |                | <b><u>IH-Wide IMIT</u></b>                             |                     |                   |                         |
| Regional                           | Various        |  | 644,250             | 257,700           | <b>257,700</b>          |
|                                    |                | <b><u>Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)</u></b> |                     |                   |                         |
| Williams Lake area                 | Various        | Equipment between \$5,000 and \$100,000                | TBD                 | 187,000           | <b>187,000</b>          |
| 100 Mile House area                | Various        | Equipment between \$5,000 and \$100,000                | TBD                 | 123,420           | <b>123,420</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       |                |  | <b>\$ 1,334,250</b> | <b>\$ 844,120</b> | <b>\$ 844,120</b>       |