



Interior Health

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Bob Simpson, Chair
Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District
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Via email: bsimpson@cariboord.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Thank you for your letter dated March 9, 2022 in regards to the Interior Health 2022/23 capital funding request. Interior Health appreciates your approval and support for our capital funding request, however asks that you reconsider your decision to decline funding for the long-term care (LTC) bus.

The current LTC bus supporting Deni House is from 2013 and is no longer meeting the needs of the site and requires replacement. LTC buses are an essential element of providing patient focused care for our LTC residents. In addition to supporting important socialization activities, the LTC bus also plays an important role in transporting residents to medical appointments. Recreational outings are critical to the quality of life for persons in care at this site. Many of the benefits include decreased feelings of isolation, improved sleep quality, enhanced mood, lower stress levels, more variety in their daily routine, improved reality orientation, as well as creating new memories.

Regional Hospital District's (RHDs) across Interior Health do partner to fund LTC buses and we have partnered with the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District to fund other replacement LTC buses, including in 2020 when the bus supporting Mill Site Lodge and Fischer Place was replaced.

We ask that you reconsider your decision not to support our funding request for the LTC bus and would welcome having a discussion to provide more details on the importance of this investment in supporting our residents at Deni House. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Weir
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

cc: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer, CCRHD (jmaclean@cariboord.bc.ca)
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We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.