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Al Richmond, Board Chair
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Sent via email: arichmond@cariboord.ca

Dear Mr Richmond,

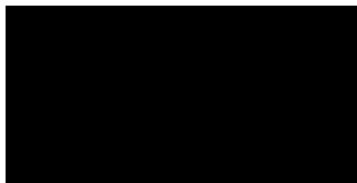
Interior Health is confident that our design for the Cariboo Memorial Hospital aligns with the principles set out in the Rick Hansen Accessibility Certification.

All new facilities also require adherence to the BC Building Code and Section 3.8 sets out very detailed accessibility requirements for our architects. Furthermore, the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) sets out design requirements for accessibility within healthcare facilities, which we also include in our facility design process. Accessibility is a core component of both requirements in ensuring that everyone can approach, enter and move throughout the building freely and include recognisable features; power operated doors, ramps, and doorway and washroom clearances but also thoughtful design on issues such as location of electrical switches, organization of seating areas and wayfinding to support all abilities.

Accessibility is one of our key principles when designing a new building for healthcare services. This stems from the Interior Health commitment to equitable access, diversity and inclusion for our staff, our patients and our communities. Realising this vision in our buildings requires the specification of clear requirements which enable or enhance accessibility in all its forms.

We would be happy to talk further about any next steps.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Weir
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and Tšilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.