



**CARIBOO CHILCOTIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
REVISED**

**February 26, 2016**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Cariboo Regional District Board Room**

**Suite D - 180 Third Avenue North**

**Williams Lake, B.C.**

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**Pages**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

(The meeting is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m.)

**1.1 Adoption of Agenda**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

That the agenda items be adopted as presented.

**2. RECEIPT/ADOPTION OF MINUTES/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1 Minutes of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board Meeting - February 10, 2016**

4 - 7

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

That the minutes of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board meeting, held February 10, 2016, be received and adopted.

**3. BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION**

**3.1 Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016**

8 - 11

Corporate Vote - Weighted

**#1:** That the agenda item summary from Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer, dated February 17, 2016, regarding Bylaw No. 108, be received. Further, that Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016 be read a first, second and third time this 26th day of February, 2016.

**#2:** That Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016 be adopted this 26th day February, 2016.

**3.2 Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital Switchgear Replacement) Bylaw No. 109, 2016**

12 - 15

Corporate Vote - Weighted

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**#2:** That Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital Switchgear Replacement) Bylaw No. 109, 2016 be adopted this 26th day February, 2016.

#### 4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### 4.1 Hospital Consent Calendar

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

That the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District consent calendar, as of February 26, 2016, be received.

4.1.1 Northern Health - Sexual and Reproductive Day 16 - 16

4.1.2 *A Late Item - Interior Health - East Kootenay Regional Hospital welcomes the new intensive care unit*

4.1.3 *A Late Item - Interior Health - New perinatal unit opening at Kelowna General Hospital* 17 - 18

4.1.4 *A Late Item - Interior Health - Online testing service for sexually-transmitted infections expands* 19 - 20

4.2 Ministry of Health - Hospital Laundry Services 21 - 22

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

That the letter from Greg Leake, Executive Director, Ministry of Health, dated February 11, 2016, regarding the future of laundry services within the Interior Health Authority, be received.

4.3 *A Late Item - Northern Health - Partnered Approaches to Enhancing Health Care Services* 23 - 24

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

That the News Release from Northern Health, dated February 22, 2016, regarding partnered approaches to enhance health care services shared at the last board meeting, be received.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

That the meeting of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board be adjourned at TIME, February 26, 2016.



**CARIBOO CHILCOTIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**February 10, 2016**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Cariboo Regional District Board Room  
Suite D - 180 Third Avenue North  
Williams Lake, B.C.**

**PRESENT :** Chair J. Massier, Vice-Chair M. Wagner, Director J. Bruce, Director S. Forseth, Director B. Kemp, Director J. Sorley, Director A. Richmond, Director D. Cash, Director B. Anderson, Director B. Coakley, Director W. Cobb, Director M. Campsall, Director R. Sharpe, Alternate Director M. Sjostrom

**ABSENT :** Director T. Armstrong, Director R. William, Director B. Simpson (for a portion of the meeting), Director S. Watson

**STAFF :** J. Bell, Chief Administrative Officer, S. Reid, Chief Financial Officer, L. Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer, M. Croft, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Adoption of Agenda**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

**CCH.2016-2A-1**

Moved Director Richmond

Seconded Director Wagner

That the agenda items be adopted as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECEIPT/ADOPTION OF MINUTES/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1 Minutes of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board Meeting -  
January 15, 2016**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

**CCH.2016-2A-2**

Moved Director Cobb

Seconded Director Sorley

That the minutes of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board meeting held January 15, 2016, be received and adopted.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**3.1 Hospital Consent Calendar**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

**CCH.2016-2A-3**

Moved Director Kemp

Seconded Director Forseth

That the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District consent calendar, as of February 10, 2016, be received.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3.2 Northern Health - Quesnel Primary Care Clinic Set to Open in Temporary Location**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

**CCH.2016-2A-4**

Moved Alternate Director Sjostrom

Seconded Director Bruce

That the News Release from Northern Health, dated January 20, 2016, regarding the Quesnel Primary Care Clinic starting operations in a temporary location on February 1, 2016, be received.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3.3 Northern Health - New Nurse Practitioners Increase Access to Primary Care**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

**CCH.2016-2A-5**

Moved Director Sharpe

Seconded Director Cash

That the News Release from Northern Health, dated January 29, 2016, regarding the recruitment of new nurse practitioners to the Northern Health region, increasing access to primary care for residents, be received.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3.4 Northern Health Capital Expenditure Bylaw Request - QUESST**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

**CCH.2016-2A-6**

Moved Director Coakley

Seconded Alternate Director Sjoström

That the agenda item summary from Scott Reid, Chief Financial Officer, dated January 29, 2016, regarding a Northern Health request for 2016 Capital Funding, be received. Further, that total funding in the amount of \$200,000, representing 40% of the total cost of the Quesnel Unit for Emergency Short Stay Treatment (QUESST) project, be approved. Further, that the necessary capital expenditure bylaw be brought forward to the Board at its February 26, 2016 meeting for consideration of three readings and adoption.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3.5 Northern Health Capital Expenditure Bylaw Request – GR Baker Switchgear**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

**CCH.2016-2A-7**

Moved Director Sorley

Seconded Director Coakley

That the agenda item summary from Scott Reid, Chief Financial Officer, dated January 29, 2016, regarding a Northern Health request for 2016 Capital Funding, be received. Further, that total funding in the amount of \$69,651, representing 40% of the total cost of the electrical switchgear replacement project at GR Baker Memorial Hospital, be approved. Further, that the necessary capital expenditure

bylaw be brought forward to the Board at its February 26, 2016 meeting for consideration of three readings and adoption.

**Carried Unanimously**

Director Simpson joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

**3.6 A Late Item - Global Grant Increase Request**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

**CCH.2016-2A-8**

Moved Director Wagner

Seconded Director Richmond

That the agenda item summary from Scott Reid, Chief Financial Officer, dated February 5, 2016, and attached correspondence from Northern Health, dated January 8, 2016, regarding a request from Northern Health to increase the minor equipment global grant effective in 2016, be received. Further, that the global grant be increased by 10% for the three major hospitals in the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District.

**Carried Unanimously**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

**CCH.2016-2A-9**

Moved Director Bruce

Seconded Director Forseth

That the meeting of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board be adjourned at 9:42 a.m., February 10, 2016.

**Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

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Corporate Officer



**Date:** 17/02/2016

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District

**And To:** Janis Bell, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District\_Feb26\_2016

**File:** BH-0190-20-108

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### **Short Summary:**

Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

### **Memorandum:**

At its meeting on February 10, 2016, the Board received a request from the Northern Health Authority to provide funding in the amount of \$200,000, representing 40% of the total cost to complete a renovation in the GR Baker Memorial Hospital for the Quesnel Unit for Emergency Short Stay Treatment (QUESST) Program. The Board subsequently approved the request and resolved that the necessary bylaw be brought forward to this meeting for consideration of three readings and adoption.

Bylaw No. 108 is hereby presented for consideration, in accordance with the above.

### **Attachments:**

Bylaw No. 108

### **Financial Implications:**

Sufficient funds are available in the budget and 5 year financial plan to accommodate this project.

### **Policy Implications:**

40% funding is in accordance with Policy #CCH.11-10A-5 Minor and Major Capital Funding.

### **CAO Comments:**

Concur

### **Options:**

1) Endorse recommendations



2) Receipt and other action

**Recommendation:**

**#1:** That the agenda item summary from Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer, dated February 17, 2016, regarding Bylaw No. 108, be received. Further, that Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016 be read a first, second and third time this 26th day of February, 2016.

**#2:** That Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016 be adopted this 26th day February, 2016.

CARIBOO CHILCOTIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BYLAW NO. 108

WHEREAS, the Board of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money for the capital expenditure described in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming an integral part of this Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District, duly assembled in open meeting, enacts the following Capital Expenditure Bylaw as required by the *Hospital District Act*;

1. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money as described in Schedule “A” attached hereto and totaling \$200,000.
2. The payment that the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District is responsible for shall be funded through monies budgeted in the current year of operation.
3. The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Chief Financial Officer, to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.

This Bylaw may be cited for all intents and purposes as the “Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016”.

READ a first time this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2016.

READ a second time this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2016.

READ a third time this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2016.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Chair

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Corporate Officer

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of “Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital QUESST Renovation) Bylaw No. 108, 2016”.

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Corporate Officer

## SCHEDULE "A"

## CARIBOO CHILCOTIN REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## SHAREABLE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

## BYLAW NO. 108

Name of Facility	Project Description	CCRHD Share	Northern Health Share	Total Project Cost
GR Baker Memorial Hospital	QUESST Renovation Project	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$500,000



**Date:** 17/02/2016

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Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure (GR Baker Memorial Hospital Switchgear Replacement) Bylaw No. 109, 2016

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

### **Memorandum:**

At its meeting on February 10, 2016, the Board received a request from the Northern Health Authority to provide funding in the amount of \$69,651, representing 40% of the total cost for replacement of electrical switchgear at the GR Baker Memorial Hospital in Quesnel. The Board subsequently approved the request and resolved that the necessary bylaw be brought forward to this meeting for consideration of three readings and adoption.

Bylaw No. 109 is hereby presented for consideration, in accordance with the above

### **Attachments:**

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Sufficient funds are available in the budget and 5 year financial plan to accommodate this project.

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40% funding is in accordance with Policy #CCH.11-10A-5 Minor and Major Capital Funding.

### **CAO Comments:**

Concur

### **Options:**

- 1) Endorse recommendations
- 2) Receipt and other action

**Recommendation:**

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1. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and totaling \$69,651.
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3. The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Chief Financial Officer, to settle the terms and conditions of the expenditure.

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Chair

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Corporate Officer

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## SHAREABLE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

## BYLAW NO. 109

Name of Facility	Project Description	CCRHD Share	Northern Health Share	Total Project Cost
GR Baker Memorial Hospital	Replacement of Electrical Switchgear	\$69,651	\$104,476	\$174,127

## MEDIA BULLETIN

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February 11, 2016  
For Immediate Release

### Sexual and Reproductive Health Day

Northern Health reminds you to 'Heart your Parts and your Partners' in recognition of the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Sexual and Reproductive Health Day in Canada on February 12. This national celebration is intended to raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health issues and reduce the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

In addition to enjoying your partners, protecting them, getting tested, and getting treated, keep the following tips in mind to ensure optimal sexual and reproductive health:

- **Healthy Relationships:** Sexual health and well-being includes social, emotional, spiritual and physical aspects of sexuality and relationships. Relationships can be one of the best - and most challenging- parts of our lives. Be choosy about who you get involved with sexually. Is it respectful and mutually pleasurable? Do you feel good about yourself and who you are with? Are you protected from sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies? Always be prepared.
- **The Best Sex is Safe Sex:** There are many ways of getting a sexually transmitted infection (STI), but the greatest risk is having unprotected vaginal, anal or oral sex. STIs can spread through contact with blood or bodily fluids. Use either a male or female condom during vaginal or anal sex and during play with shared sex toys. You can also use male condoms and dental dams for protection during oral sex. Prevent STIs - use a condom, and if you didn't, get tested! Visit your health care provider, your local health unit/clinic or Options for Sexual Health clinic.
- **Prevent Unintended Pregnancies:** If you have vaginal sex, use a condom and an effective form of birth control. Do you have a sexual health plan? Visit your health care provider, your local health unit/clinic or Options for Sexual Health clinic for more information and access to lower cost birth control and free condoms.

To find Options for Sexual Health Clinic locations in the Northern Health region, visit [optionsforsexualhealth.org](http://optionsforsexualhealth.org). For more information about sexual and reproductive health, visit Smart Sex and Sexuality and U at [sexualityandu.ca](http://sexualityandu.ca).

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For Immediate Release | Feb. 19, 2015

## New perinatal unit opening at Kelowna General Hospital

KELOWNA – A new perinatal unit where families will welcome their newborn babies into the world was celebrated Thursday at Kelowna General Hospital.

“Having a baby is one of life’s most joyous, and most stressful, moments,” said Premier Christy Clark, MLA for Westside-Kelowna. “This new unit will provide moms and loved ones with a state-of-the-art facility and soothing atmosphere in which to enjoy the start of a new life together.”

The new perinatal unit opens to patients on March 6. It is located on the fourth floor of the recently opened Interior Heart and Surgical Centre and replaces the hospital’s existing labour and delivery unit.

“This new unit will support new families by offering patient-centered care in a personalized, wrap-around setting,” said Health Minister Terry Lake. “Importantly, the unit will offer private, quiet and enhanced care for new mothers and their babies and support families in this growing region at a very special time in their lives.”

“The unit’s design certainly takes into account the need for comfort,” said Steve Thomson, MLA for Kelowna-Mission. “This is a patient and family-centred care environment with private and semi-private rooms, and family kitchen areas that create a warm atmosphere and fosters a sense of calm and well-being for both moms and babies.”

The new perinatal unit features expanded patient and clinical care space including five private labour and delivery rooms, and nine private and four semi-private postpartum rooms. It is also home to a new neonatal intensive care unit with the capacity to support up to 20 babies. The new unit will allow newborns, expectant mothers and their families to remain closer to home more often.

“After seeing the new perinatal unit firsthand, I know this is a place where the 1,600 babies born at Kelowna General Hospital every year will get the best start to life,” said Norm Letnick, MLA for Kelowna-Lake Country. “A modern neonatal intensive care unit with central monitoring, and areas for stabilization, transition and high needs babies will support parents whose newborns need a little extra help.”

In addition to modernizing patient areas, the new perinatal unit provides an excellent working environment for health-care providers who were directly involved in the design of the unit. This included the addition of a new operating room centrally located on the unit and dedicated to scheduled Caesarian section and multiple birth deliveries. In addition, with the new unit located within the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre, physicians can provide urgent Caesarean section deliveries in one of its 15 new operating rooms.

“On behalf of everyone at Interior Health and especially the health-care providers at Kelowna General Hospital, I would like to thank the provincial government and our partners at the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District and the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation,” said Erwin Malzer, Interior Health Board Chair. “Together, we are ensuring quality care and a nurturing environment for moms and babies, and a modern, healthy workplace for our employees.”

The perinatal unit is included within the \$381-million budget for the new Interior Heart & Surgical Centre. The Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District provided the \$18-million capital cost of the unit and the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation has committed \$3-million for new state-of-the-art equipment and support funding.

“We know that the new unit is much needed and will be well used by growing families,” says Gail Given, Chair of Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District. “It just made sense to go ahead and fully fund the construction of the fourth floor while the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre was being built, rather than waiting and adding the new unit sometime in the future.”

“Our community is extremely proud of KGH and their help is critical to make it what it is today. The KGH Foundation is extremely grateful for the support our community is providing to our most vulnerable patients through our Giving Giggles Campaign,” said Doug Rankmore, Chief Executive Officer, Kelowna General Hospital Foundation. “Thanks to those who give to support the hospital we will be able to provide families, and the nurses and physicians providing care, the most up to date facility possible.”

During Thursday’s celebration, guests had the opportunity to tour the new unit. This included Fiona Patterson who is looking forward to the arrival of her first child in March.

“As first-time expectant parents, my husband and I were both thrilled upon touring the new perinatal unit at Kelowna General Hospital,” said Fiona Patterson, first-time expectant mom. “The energy of this new birth space is one that promotes relaxation and is really attuned to the needs of the whole family. The natural light and aesthetics are so soothing, and we were impressed with the upgraded equipment; it’s comforting to know that maternity care in Kelowna is a priority.

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**Note to Editors - Photos attached include:**

Photo 1 name: Group shot

Photo 1 caption: L-R: MLA Steve Thomson; MLA Norm Letnick; Pete & Fiona Patterson; Gail Given RHD Chair; Dr. Tom Warshawski; Leslie & Andrew Prior; Erwin Malzer, IH Board Chair; and Doug Rankmore, KGHF CEO celebrate the new perinatal unit at Kelowna General Hospital.

Photo 2 name: NICU – Transition Nursery

Photo 2 caption: Dr. Jill Boulton, Pediatrician, in the transition nursery of the new neonatal intensive care unit at Kelowna General Hospital.

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For Immediate Release | February 22, 2016

## Online testing service for sexually-transmitted infections expands to Kamloops and Nelson

**Kamloops / Nelson** - People living in Kamloops and Nelson will now be able to access STI and HIV testing without having to visit a doctor or nurse in person.

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), in collaboration with Interior Health and LifeLabs, will be expanding the pilot program of [GetCheckedOnline](#), the first online service in Canada offering easy, confidential testing for STIs, HIV and hepatitis C. It's a confidential, convenient alternative for those who would like to test more often or who find it difficult to visit a clinic for testing. The expansion will also occur in the communities of Duncan, Langford, and Victoria in collaboration with Island Health.

The five communities were chosen to include both rural and urban pilot sites for the expansion. Clients can visit the website ([GetCheckedOnline.com](#)), create an account, answer a sexual history questionnaire and print a laboratory requisition for chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, HIV and (if needed) hepatitis C testing. Users then go to a participating LifeLabs location in their community to give specimens, and are notified by email when their results are ready. If all results are negative, they can be viewed online. Clients with positive or inconclusive results will be contacted by a BCCDC nurse to arrange follow-up and appropriate treatment. Users need a code to access testing through [GetCheckedOnline](#); codes will be available through program promotion materials in Interior Health and Island Health.

The service was developed based on feedback from potential users and health-care professionals, and has undergone privacy and security reviews to safeguard a patient's right to confidentiality. It is an extension of BCCDC STI clinical services, which ensures that appropriate tests are done and that patients receive local treatment and follow-up. [GetCheckedOnline](#) users will also be directed to BCCDC's provincial sexual health website [SmartSexResource.com](#), which offers comprehensive sexual health information.

[GetCheckedOnline](#) has been available in Vancouver for the past 16 months, with over 400 clients accessing the service. If the pilot in these five additional communities shows similar success, the service may be expanded to other communities in BC in the future.

### Quotes:

#### Hon. Terry Lake, Minister of Health

"A person can have an STI without knowing because often there are no signs or symptoms. So if you are sexually active, getting tested for sexually transmitted infections is one of the most important things you can do to protect your health. [GetCheckedOnline](#) is a free and private way for British Columbians to get tested, and now more communities will be reached by this service."

#### Carl Roy, President & Chief Executive Officer, Provincial Health Services Authority

"The Provincial Health Services Authority is committed to innovative, province-wide solutions to achieving better health. This collaborated expansion of [GetCheckedOnline](#) is helping improve access to important STI testing and provides an alternative method to deliver quality health services to more British Columbians."

**Maja Karlsson, HIV and Health Outreach Manager, Interior Health**

“We know there are people who are reluctant to visit a clinic or physician’s office to get tested. This program removes barriers and makes it easier and more convenient. We hope that this new service will encourage more people to get tested and get tested more often. Finding out if you have an STI is a critical step in getting medical care and controlling the spread of infections to others.”

**Dr. Dee Hoyano, Medical Health Officer, Island Health**

“We’re pleased to be bringing this service to the Island in partnership with BCCDC and LifeLabs. The only way to know if you have an STI is to get tested. Going online will make STI testing more accessible and help people get linked to treatment and support. It’s also a good way to know more about your health status and take care of your partners.”

**Sue Paish, President & Chief Executive Officer, LifeLabs**

“LifeLabs is honoured to support the work of the BC Centre for Disease Control and participating health authorities in bringing GetCheckedOnline to more British Columbians. GetCheckedOnline allows those who want and need STI testing to get tested when and how it works for them. This highly personal access is key to increasing the chance that people will get tested: a critical step in managing and improving their health.”

**Learn more:**

[GetCheckedOnline.com](http://GetCheckedOnline.com)

[SmartSexResource.com](http://SmartSexResource.com)

The **BC Centre for Disease Control**, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, provides provincial and national leadership in public health through surveillance, detection, treatment, prevention and consultation services. The Centre provides both direct diagnostic and treatment services for people with diseases of public health importance and analytical and policy support to all levels of government and health authorities.

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FEB 11 2016

FEB 16 2016

Referred To *CRD Board*

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Mr. John Massier  
Chair  
Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board  
Suite D, 180 North Third Ave  
Williams Lake BC V2G 2A4

Dear Mr. Massier:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2015 on behalf of the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board, regarding the future of laundry services within the Interior Health Authority. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health and apologize for the significant delay in doing so.

As you know, the health authority has been reviewing the in-house laundry services in view of the capital upgrades required to replace aging equipment. As part of their review, they sought proposals from the marketplace with an eye to finding a model that provides the flexibility to implement the best solution for each community. In some cases this may mean that services will remain in-house, while in others, they may be contracted. The Request for Solutions has closed, and Interior Health is currently considering options and hopes to have a decision soon.

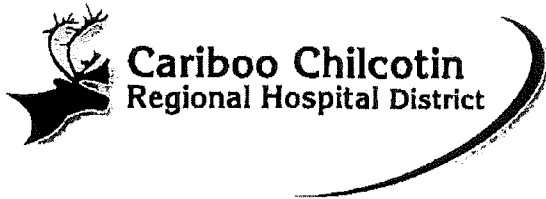
I know that Interior Health is aware of the number of people who may be affected by their decision, and they will be working closely with staff and the union through any changes that may result.

Again, thank you for sharing your Board's concerns. I appreciated having the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Greg Leake  
Executive Director

pc: Honourable Terry Lake  
Mayor Walt Cobb and Council, City of Williams Lake  
Mayor Mitch Campsall and Council, District of 100 Mile House  
Mayor Bob Simpson and Council, City of Quesnel



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December 21, 2015

Honourable Terry Lake  
Minister of Health  
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Dear Minister Lake & Mr. Mazurkewich:

Re: Privatization of Hospital Laundry Services

Further to your November 25, 2015 News Release, please be advised that the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board is opposed to the outsourcing of hospital laundry services.

The provision of hospital laundry services provides decent jobs that are important to local economies. We feel that tax dollars would be better spent on maintaining the necessary laundry equipment to keep these jobs local, than on paying out of town contractors for this service. It can also be expected that, if laundry services are privatized, other services will follow, resulting in further negative effects on local economies.

Due to the above-noted concerns, we strongly urge you to maintain all in-house hospital laundry services, thereby retaining local jobs and continuing to have a positive effect on local economies.

Yours truly,

John Massier  
Chair

- c: Mayor Walt Cobb and Council, City of Williams Lake
- Mayor Mitch Campsall and Council, District of 100 Mile House
- Mayor Bob Simpson and Council, City of Quesnel
- Mayor Robin Sharpe and Council, District of Wells
- Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin
- Coralee Oakes, MLA, Cariboo-North

**Municipalities** Quesnel Wells Williams Lake 100 Mile House

**Electoral Areas** A. Red Bluff - Quesnel B. Quesnel West - Bouchie Lake - Ten Mile C. Barlow - Bowron D. Wildwood - McLeese Lake  
E. Esler - Dog Creek F. 150 Mile House - Horsefly-Likely G. Lac La Hache - 108 Mile H. Carim Lake - Forest Grave I. Narcasli - Nazko  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Partnered approaches to enhancing health care services recognized at Northern Health board meeting

Examples of collaboration to enhance health care services between Northern Health, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), community partners and provincial/regional organizations were shared at the latest board meeting in Quesnel on February 14, 2016.

In the Quesnel area, Northern Health, the First Nations Health Authority and local First Nations communities are collaborating to create a new team that will provide mental health and substance use services. These services will include prevention and health promotion activities, crisis response, assessment, intervention, referral to other services, and capacity building within the community through education and support. This Mobile Support Team will consist of one Nurse and two Clinicians who will travel to the communities of Lhtako Dene, Nazko and Lhoosk'uz Dene (Kluskus).

Northern Health, the FNHA and the communities of Nazko and Lhoosk'uz Dene are also working together to implement a new telehealth initiative. Telehealth sites have been set up in each community in order to provide chronic disease management, primary care, and mental health and addictions services through virtual visits. This service will initially be used for chronic disease management with a focus on diabetes before expanding to include other services.

Northern Health is also partnering with the Village of Wells to develop plans to provide a health clinic in the community as a local nurse practitioner has expressed interest in working with the Village to establish such a clinic.

"We value our collaborative partnerships with the First Nations Health Authority, community partners, and provincial and regional organizations," said Dr. Charles Jago, Northern Health Board Chair. "Partnerships like the ones discussed during our latest board meeting help improve health outcomes of Aboriginal people and people living in rural and remote communities by bringing care closer to their homes."

Details about the new primary care clinic in Quesnel were also presented during the meeting. The recruitment of 11 physicians and a second nurse practitioner to Quesnel has been confirmed. The transition to a primary care model has begun and an orientation and training schedule for clinic staff and the interprofessional team is being developed. The clinic has opened in a temporary location at the Avery Health Clinic, with a tentative opening date for the permanent clinic set for spring 2016.

An update on staff and physician recruitment and retention initiatives was shared during the meeting. The Human Resources department provided information about the "Grow Our Own" initiative, where we connect with high school students and introduce to them the many diverse health care careers that could be available to them. With a view to improving this initiative, we

have scheduled a series of world café events designed to solicit feedback from key stakeholders regarding a meaningful program design. World café events are scheduled on February 23, 2016 in Fort St. John, on March 2, 2016 in Prince George and on March 7, 2016 in Terrace.

"We know how important it is to have a focused recruitment and retention program in place to ensure that northern B.C. residents are being served by qualified health care providers," said Cathy Ulrich, Northern Health's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The focus on gathering community feedback to recruit and retain health care workers is very important; we recruit people to more than just jobs, we recruit them to the lifestyles of these communities."

Information about Northern Health's strategy for recruiting 100 additional nurses to northern B.C. as part of the Ministry of Health and British Columbia Nurses' Union's (BCNU) recent announcement of hiring 1,600 new nurses across B.C. was also provided. Northern Health has posted regular positions in a number of areas across northern B.C. and continues to work on innovative and collaborative strategies to fill these, and other, vacancies.

The next Northern Health Board Meeting will be held in Fort St. John on April 17 and 18.



**Left to Right:** Debbie Strang, Northern Health's Quesnel health services administrator and Dr. Dietrich Furstenburg, chief of staff and family physician in Quesnel being recognized by Dr. Charles Jago, Northern Health Board Chair for their presentation about the new primary care clinic in Quesnel.

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