



## Staff Report

**DATE:** October 5, 2021

**FILE:** H-G

**TO:** Chair and Directors  
Regional Hospital District Board

Supported by Russell Dyson  
Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Russell Dyson  
Chief Administrative Officer

***R. DYSON***

**RE: CSRHD and Island Health Liaison Meetings Update**

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### **Purpose**

To update the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District (CSRHD) Board on recent CSRHD and Island Health liaison meetings held May 14 and June 25, 2021.

### **Recommendation(s) from the Chief Administrative Officer**

None

### **Executive Summary**

At its April 1, 2021 meeting, the CSRHD Board adopted a resolution to enable the Chair and Vice-chair to meet with Island Health a few times each year to advance the following:

- **Advocate:** To influence the Provincial Government and Island Health to advance the CSRHD's strategic interests and ambitions and to foster broad support for the improvement of healthcare facilities within the region;
- **Cooperate:** To seek opportunities and arrangements to build and nurture a positive working relationship with Island Health through meaningful dialogue and the identification and pursuit of mutually beneficial projects and initiatives;
- **Inform:** To work to clarify roles, identify and promote ways the public can engage with Island Health, to inform both the public and Island Health, and to establish an effective two-way communications vehicle between CSRHD and Island Health; and
- **Engage:** To explore and address identified issues or interests of the CSRHD concerning operational healthcare services or other matters outside of the traditional mandate of the CSRHD.

This report provides a brief update on topics discussed from meetings held May 14 and June 25, 2021. A third meeting was scheduled for October 13, 2021 and will be reported on at a subsequent CSRHD meeting.

Attendees at each of the May and June meetings included Chair Cornfield and Vice-chair Hillian, Deputy CAO James Warren and Island Health representatives James Hansn, Scott McCarten and Max Jajszczok.

May 14 discussion

- Initial liaison meeting that set terms for discussions, and emphasized using the liaison meetings as a venue for operational aspects and clarifying community information; topics for future meetings to be generated by both CSRHD Chair/Vice-chair and Island Health
- Laboratory operational topics are with Island Health, and if needed discussions can be held during liaison meetings; CSRHD Board meetings to focus on capital priorities
- Community information sharing may best be undertaken in partnership with community health networks

June 25 discussion

- Topics included
  - ongoing priority for developing community based congregate care such as long term care to relieve pressures on acute care facilities,
  - community benefits that can be realized in dedicated facilities that co-locate activities such as home care, ambulatory, recreation and social services
  - other Island Health initiatives including at Nanaimo, North Island pathology demands and repatriating some activities back to geography 1.

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**Government Partners and Stakeholder Distribution**

Scott McCarten, Island Health	✓
James Hanson, Island Health	✓
Chris Sullivan, Islands Health	✓