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Ms. Susan Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown

RE: Request for Information

At their regular meeting on May 20th, 2021 the Board of Directors for the Okanagan Similkameen Regional Hospital District (OSRHD) adopted a resolution requesting that the Interior Health Authority (IHA) attend at a future meeting of the Board to share the vision for expanding the Primary Care Network within the Hospital District boundaries and provide more specific information on the role for the Hospital District in the Plan.

The OSRHD is interested in doctor recruitment and retention for our area and we understand that it's competitive. If IHA has a South Okanagan Similkameen Primary Care Network Plan (the "Plan"), the OSRHD would be interested in partnering with IHA and other parties to the Plan, as long as IHA is forthcoming with OSRHD, in advance of implementation, so we can adequately prepare to participate.

Our previous letter of May 11th identified the concern our Board of Directors has with IHA sending representatives to ask for money for primary care centers, without an ability to speak to the details of the Plan or how it would roll out. We do have the ability to move in-camera under S. 90. 2. b) of the Community Charter to consider information received and to be held in confidence between the municipality and a provincial government.

So, our Board of Directors extends an invitation to IHA to appear before us at a future date when you have information on your vision for primary care, and on which you are prepared to share details.

Sincerely,



Judy Sentes, Chair

- c. Dan Ashton, MLA Penticton
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