

Office of Mayor George V. Harvie City of Delta



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Dr. Victoria Lee, President and CEO Fraser Health Authority Suite 400, Central City Tower, 13450 102 Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 0H1

Dear Dr. Lee,

Thank you for the phone call today. As discussed, it has come to my attention that Fraser Health Authority is finalizing site locations for vaccination rollout and I understand that a North Delta location may not currently be considered.

On behalf of myself and Delta Council, we are very appreciative of everything Fraser Health is doing to fight this pandemic and look forward to the opening of the South Delta vaccination location however, a vaccination site in North Delta is essential.

North Delta represents the largest percentage of Delta's population. Staff have previously been instructed to support vaccination clinics in whatever means possible. This includes utilizing the City owned and operated Seniors buses to transport any Delta residents to and from the vaccination clinics and provide interpreters to overcome any language barriers. Additionally, we are committed to working with our Fire Department personnel, trained to EMR level, to assist in vaccination rollout as needed. The City of Delta is not well served by transit and we must ensure that every opportunity is available locally for residents. Having these systems in place will ensure the highest level of vaccination participation, especially for Delta's most vulnerable population.

I understand that the gymnasium at North Delta Recreation Centre may not fit all of your criteria but we are looking forward to working with your staff on other options including the arenas at Sungod and North Delta Recreation Centre or the Kennedy Seniors Recreation Facility.

I appreciate the difficult decisions facing Fraser Health and the Province and appreciate all your work to date, however, I would respectfully ask that you reconsider a North Delta site to serve this population.

Sean McGill, Delta's City Manager will be available to arrange for further tours of facilities or to provide plans of these facilities, and can be reached at 604-946-3218 (office), 778-835-7942 (cell), or citymanager@delta.ca.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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