

## Office of Mayor George V. Harvie City of Delta



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The Honourable Adrian Dix Minister of Health PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

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

Dear Minister Dix and Dr. Lee,

## Re: Thank You for Resolving Important Community Issues

One of the great lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the importance and value of working together. Thanks to your capacity, understanding and ability to act decisively, we have achieved numerous positive outcomes for our community in Delta during these challenging times. Three recent examples stand out as testaments to the positive results that happen when multiple government agencies work together to support the community.

You and your teams were heavily involved in the successful effort to return the Irene Thomas Hospice to the people of Delta. While we have worked together on this difficult issue for some time, as recently as January when I wrote to you requesting that high quality palliative and hospice care be continued at this facility, there was still some doubt about the final outcome. Last week's announcement that all 10 beds at the facility have reopened is proof of your dedication to this issue and a tremendous show of support for our community.

In addition to completing a project many months in the making, you have shown the ability to quickly address emerging issues related to the pandemic for the benefit of Delta residents and first responders. Soon after we requested that an immunization clinic be created in North Delta, you announced that the North Delta Recreation Centre would service the community. I was fortunate to book my own vaccination at this site and commend everyone involved for such a smooth and safe operation.

Finally, thank you for moving so quickly after our letter last week to start getting first doses of vaccine into the arms of Delta's first responders this week. Protecting these exemplary group of people from the virus allows them to serve the community in times of need.

We are fortunate to have partners in government like you who understand the need to quickly and effectively address important and emerging issues facing communities. I look forward to continuing to work with you on many key issues affecting Delta residents. Our continued successes together show how effective and responsive we can be.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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Mayor

cc: The Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion

The Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation Ian Paton, MLA Delta South

Jim Sinclair, Chair, Fraser Health

Delta Council

Sean McGill, City Manager

Guy McKintuck, Fire Chief

Neil Dubord, Chief Constable