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May 6, 2025

The Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Health
PO Box 9050, Stn Prov Govt.
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Osborne,

Re: Establishment of Two UPCCs

We write to you jointly on behalf of the City of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN), and the City of Surrey to respectfully urge the Ministry of Health to prioritize the establishment of two Urgent and Primary Care Centre's (UPCC's), one in or close to North Delta and one in South Delta or on Tsawwassen First Nation Lands.

This request comes at a time of escalating concern regarding health care access in our region. From February 22 to 24, 2025, the Delta Hospital Emergency Department experienced overnight service disruptions—an event that has heightened public concern and underscored the broader, ongoing gaps in access to timely, non-emergency medical care.

At the March 3, 2025, Regular Meeting, Delta Council unanimously adopted a resolution advocating for a UPCC in Delta, emphasizing the urgent need for enhanced primary care infrastructure to support our residents. Many Delta and TFN residents do not have a family doctor and are left without viable alternatives when walk-in clinic access is limited or unavailable. As a result, the Delta Hospital Emergency Department is increasingly relied upon for non-life-threatening concerns—placing unsustainable strain on the facility and exacerbating wait times.

The City of Surrey, neighbouring the City of Delta, is already managing significant population growth and health care demand and is experiencing the downstream effects of this care gap. Without sufficient primary care services for Delta and TFN, patients often turn to facilities in Surrey, amplifying pressures on existing urgent care and emergency services.

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We believe the establishment of two UPCC's, one in North Delta or close by within Surrey and one in South Delta or TFN will:


- Improve health care access and health equity for Delta, TFN, and surrounding communities
- Reduce the burden on emergency departments in both Delta and Surrey
- Address the urgent care needs of our growing populations through timely, walk-in services for non-emergent issues

As such, we respectfully request that the Ministry of Health formally commit to the planning and implementation of a two new UPCC's, one serving North Delta and the surrounding area and one serving South Delta and TFN.

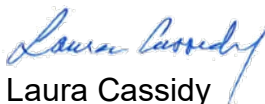
We stand united in this appeal and are ready to work in full partnership with the Province and Fraser Health to address these health care service gaps. Our residents deserve timely, equitable, and community-based care, and we believe the establishment of two new UPCC's serving our communities will be crucial step toward that goal.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to improving health care for all British Columbians.

Sincerely,



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