

Office of Mayor George V. Harvie City of Delta



December 6, 2021

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 - 102nd Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 0H1

Dear Minister and Dr. Lee,

Re: Harold & Veronica Savage Centre for Supportive Care

In my letters of May 11 and October 4, 2021, I asked that options be explored for City of Delta to acquire a head lease for the Harold & Veronica Savage Centre for Supportive Care, and that the Heron Hospice Society be engaged to provide bereavement support services at the same facility.

I appreciate that you have reached out to obtain public feedback on future potential uses of this building from the local community and stakeholders; I expected, however, that given our correspondence on this matter, City of Delta would be more directly engaged, including direct discussions with my office as suggested in Dr. Lee's letter of May 14. The supportive care facility continues to sit empty and I would once again urge you to take immediate steps to engage the Heron Hospice Society to provide supportive care and bereavement counselling to family and friends of patients at the hospice. City of Delta also remains interested in acquiring the head lease and subletting the building to Heron Hospice Society, if that option is supported by the Province and Fraser Health Authority.

We are close to the end of this difficult chapter in the provision of hospice services in Delta. It is with thanks and appreciation that we look forward to the restoration of services at the supportive care unit as intended and expected by our community.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

Mayor

cc: Delta Council

Sean McGill, City Manager

Mel Cheesman, Director of Corporate Services