



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

March 19, 2021

Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of State for Infrastructure
Email: Minister.SI@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Ma:

RE: Regional Hospital Boards – Responsibility for Capital Costs

Please find enclosed a letter of inquiry dated February 9, 2021, forwarded to you from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board (PRRHD), regarding changes to the Translink funding model as it relates to the funding of hospital capital costs in Metro Vancouver.

To summarize the attached inquiry, as BC Government mandate letters place responsibility for TransLink with the Province, will the funding of 40% of hospital capital costs be transferred back to Metro Vancouver? If that is not the case, the PRRHD Board respectfully requests that all hospital districts in BC receive similar assistance from the Province to create tax room for initiatives unique to each area.

The PRRHD Board respectfully requests a timely response to its inquiry.

Sincerely,

Brad Sperling

Brad Sperling
Chair

Enclosure: Correspondence dated February 9, 2021 from the PRRHD Board

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Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of State for Infrastructure
Via Email: Minister.SI@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Ma:

RE: Regional Hospital Boards – Responsibility for Capital Costs

At its December 11, 2020 meeting, the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board (PRRHD) discussed changes to the Translink funding model related to the funding of hospital capital costs in Metro Vancouver.

In October 2012, the responsibility for funding 40% of hospital capital costs was transferred from Metro Vancouver to the Province, which allowed Metro Vancouver to levy property taxes to fund Translink instead.

As BC Government mandate letters place responsibility for TransLink with the Province, will the funding of 40% of hospital capital costs be transferred back to Metro Vancouver? Suppose Metro Vancouver will not be resuming responsibility for funding 40% of hospital capital costs. In that case, the PRRHD Board respectfully requests that hospital districts throughout BC receive similar assistance from the Province to create tax room for initiatives unique to each area. To that end, the PRRHD Board resolved:

“That the Regional Hospital District Board authorize that a letter be forwarded to the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MoECCS), Finance, Municipal Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, and State for Infrastructure, to remind the Province of its commitment made in October 2012 to relieve Metro Vancouver of the responsibility for 40% of hospital capital costs to allow Metro Vancouver to instead levy property taxes to pay for Translink; and further, to enquire with the Province regarding the mandate letters for the BC Government that place responsibility for Translink in provincial jurisdiction (MoECCS), and whether this will result in Metro Vancouver resuming responsibility for 40% of hospital capital costs, and if not, to request that the Peace River Regional Hospital District, and other hospital districts in the Province receive similar assistance from the Province to create tax room for specific initiatives unique to the area.”

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Thank you for your consideration of the PRRHD Board's request.

Sincerely,

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