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To: South Island Division of Family Practice Attn: Robin Saunders, Convener 204-4480 West Saanich Road Victoria, BC V8Z 3E9

## **RE: Support For Salt Spring Island Primary Care Network Service Plan**

Dear South Island Division PCN Steering Committee:

As the locally elected Capital Regional District (CRD) Director for Salt Spring Island, I am writing on behalf of the CRD to express our strong support for the Salt Spring Island Primary Care Network Service Plan. The CRD provides a range of services on Salt Spring, including parks and recreation, public transit, and water and waste treatment.

As with many communities throughout BC, Salt Spring continues to experience significant challenges in the delivery of health care services to our residents, including marginalized and vulnerable populations, primarily due to the lack of primary care providers. Thousands of residents on Salt Spring are unattached to a primary health care provider.

I cannot overstate the importance to our community of establishing a Primary Care Network, hopefully including both a community health centre and mobile clinic, that could provide care for so many of our residents. The CRD will continue to work with our partners to achieve this goal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Gary Holman

CRD Director, Salt Spring Island

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CC: Colin Plant, CRD Board Chair

Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD

Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration, CRD