

From Cllr. Alexa Loo & Cllr. Linda McPhail:

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## **Richmond Hospital Acute Care Tower replacement project**

### Recommendation

- (1) That Council write to the Premier, Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance and ask for Treasury Board approval of the Business Plan and confirmation of the funding for the new Acute Care Tower in Richmond; and
- (2) cc Richmond MLAs, Vancouver Coastal Health Board and the Richmond Hospital Foundation; and
- (3) That Council invite the Richmond MLAs to a meeting to discuss the funding and timeline for the Richmond Hospital upgrade

### Background:

- Jun., 2016 – the Province announced it had approved the first phase of planning for a new Acute Care Tower, the Concept Plan
- Jan., 2017 – the board of Vancouver Coastal Health approved the plan and submitted to the Ministry of Health
- Mar. 6, 2017 – Richmond Hospital Foundation presentation at General Purposes Committee. Link to minutes and Richmond Hospital Foundation presentation  
[https://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2017/030617\\_minutes.htm](https://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/gp/2017/030617_minutes.htm)
- Mar. 13, 2017 -Richmond Council wrote to the Premier, Minister of Health, Minister of Finance, Richmond MLA's, the Leader of the Opposition and Vancouver Coastal Health (see attached)
- Mar. 29, 2018 – Premier Horgan announced the approval of the Concept Plan for the new Acute Care Tower and the move forward to the Business Plan stage
- Jul. 2, 2020 – Premier Horgan and Health Minister Dix, at a visit to Richmond Hospital, announced an expanded scope for the project which included new a Medical Imaging Centre and new Emergency Department to be included in the Plan
- Nov. 2020 - Business Plan approved by Vancouver Coastal Health and submitted to the government
- Apr.20, 2021 - provincial budget announcement is silent on new Acute Care Tower
- May 10, 2021 – the Richmond Hospital Foundation announces that their ACT NOW capital campaign for a new acute care tower officially reached its \$50 million goal ( see attached letter)

We know that the existing Richmond Hospital North Tower structure has significant structural deficiencies and there is no doubt about the urgency for a new Acute Care tower.

On behalf of the residents of the city of Richmond, we need to again urge the provincial government to advance and fund this critically important project.



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Richmond

TO: MAYOR & EACH  
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FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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March 13, 2017

The Honourable Christy Clark  
Premier of British Columbia  
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Dear Premier Clark:

**Re: Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital**

At the Regular Council meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2017, Richmond City Council considered the above matter and adopted the following resolution:

*That a letter be written to the Premier, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Finance, Richmond MLAs, the Leader of the Opposition and Vancouver Coastal Health calling on the provincial government to commit to a new hospital tower to replace the north tower in Richmond.*

Recently, the Richmond Hospital Foundation presented before City Council on the urgent need for a new acute care tower at Richmond Hospital. In their presentation, the Foundation identified concerns that the original hospital tower, built in 1996 is now more than 50 years old, no longer seismically stable and that the infrastructure of the current tower is obsolete.

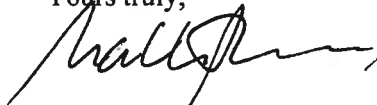
They also presented that the operating rooms are built below the flood plain and are too small to accommodate today's medical equipment. Moreover, the current standard in hospitals is to have 80% single occupancy rooms for infection control purposes whereas Richmond Hospital currently has triple and quadruple occupancy rooms with merely ten percent being single occupancy.

Hospitals across British Columbia are receiving funding and being upgraded. Although the government has announced major capital health infrastructure investments, the concept plan for a new acute care tower has yet to be approved. Given the extensive growth the City has seen over the years, it is critical that the north tower at Richmond Hospital be replaced.

Richmond City Council respectfully requests that the government immediately commit to replacing the north tower, approve the concept plan submitted to the Ministry of Health and immediately fund the business plan stage so that Vancouver Coastal Health may quickly advance the proposed project.

We look forward to receiving this urgently needed information. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter, please contact me directly or Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager, Community Services, at 604-276-4068.

Yours truly,



Malcolm D. Brodie  
*Mayor*

pc: Richmond City Councillors  
The Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health  
The Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable, Linda Reid, MLA, Richmond East  
The Honourable Teresa Wat, MLA, Richmond Centre  
John Yap, MLA, Richmond-Steveston  
John Horgan, Leader of the Opposition  
Kip Woodward, Chair, Vancouver Coastal Health Board  
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May 10, 2021

His Worship Mayor Malcolm Brodie and City Councillors  
City of Richmond  
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Dear Mayor Brodie and Councillors:

## **RE: ACT NOW Capital Campaign Completion**

On behalf of Richmond Hospital Foundation I am pleased to inform you that we will be announcing later this week that our ACT NOW capital campaign for a new acute care tower has officially reached its \$50 million goal.

This is an incredibly historic achievement for Richmond, and it demonstrates how deeply this community believes in our local health care, for now and for future generations.

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank you all for your leadership over the years to speak out and advocate for the need to build this new tower as quickly as possible.

On a separate note, while we are grateful to the Province for bringing the project to its current stage, we are still waiting for the final approval of the Business Plan by Treasury Board and an announcement by the Premier to the people of Richmond. This remains a critical milestone that has not yet been completed and will facilitate the project continuing to move forward. We encourage you to continue to raise your voice on behalf of the people of Richmond. Any assistance and leadership you can provide will, of course, be appreciated.

Thank you again for your exemplary leadership over the years.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO  
Richmond Hospital Foundation

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