

## BACKGROUND

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### COMOX VALLEY HOSPITAL SITE SELECTION

**Selected Site:**

- The following site has been approved for the Comox Valley Hospital:



**Selection Process:**

- VIHA contracted with Fletcher Pettis consultants for a broad examination of all potential sites within the Comox Valley. The consultants initially identified over 20 potential sites. In addition, a number of land owners made VIHA aware of other potential locations for a hospital.

- A VIHA site selection committee examined a number of sites against criteria that included proximity to the population (including North Island residents), access to transportation and transit routes, financial considerations and the size of the site.
- VIHA shortlisted three sites on Ryan Road in the Crown Isle/North Island College area. Prior to making a final decision, VIHA discussed these locations with the Courtenay planning department to understand their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges provided by each site.
- The Site Selection Committee recommended the selected site, and the North Island Hospitals Project Board accepted this recommendation.

**Site Access:**

- The selected site is accessible from Campbell River and the North Island through either the Old Island Highway or via the Inland Island Highway by taking the Dove Creek, Piercy Road or the Comox Valley Parkway (Cumberland interchange) exits.
- The new hospital in the Comox Valley is part of a two-hospital project that will also see a new hospital built in Campbell River. The Campbell River Hospital will maintain existing hospital services, including the Emergency Department. The new Campbell River Hospital will continue to provide emergency service for residents of Campbell River and areas to the north and west. Patients requiring a transfer will be stabilized before being transported to the Comox Valley, Victoria or Vancouver.

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