

Comox-Strathcona Hospital Services

January 2009





Purpose of Meeting

- Recap of process to date
- Share the new VIHA Board preferred option
- Begin dialogue and engagement with residents of Comox-Strathcona
- Open House with VIHA Board and Leadership Team



2006 Proposal Review

- One Regional Hospital
- Urgent Care role for Campbell River
- Primary Care role for St. Joseph's
- Patient Care model had merit
- But Model **did not** meet community needs
- VIHA regrets that 2006 proposal did not reflect the wishes of the North Island



North Island Population Growing

- Significant population growth and aging in North Island from 2008-2020
- Majority of increase in Comox Valley
- Population growth demands additional services in North Island
- Current Hospitals are approximately 50 years old but provide much needed services to both communities



New Preferred Option

- Still puts patient care and safety at the top of the agenda
- But now better reflects community input received since 2006
- Delivers services to patients of Comox-Strathcona closer home

Options Reviewed

- **1. Original 2006** option: new Regional Hospital at Dove Creek
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Renovated & expanded Campbell River Hospital
- **3. New Hospital in Comox Valley** replaces current St. Joseph's and adds regional services.
New & expanded Campbell River Hospital
- **4. Maintain** existing hospitals.
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Renovation Issues

- Renovations would take up to 5 years longer
- Facility limitations remain:
 - > Shorter building lifespan & higher maintenance costs
 - > Significant disruption to patients during renovations
 - > Less infection control ability
- But, renovating an existing facility is less expensive than building a new facility



VIHA Board New Preferred Option

- **Build Two New Fully Functioning Hospitals in Campbell River and Comox Valley with:**
 - > Total of 240 to 250 beds (about 80 more than current)
 - > Single team of physicians and staff
 - > Estimated capital cost: \$500-\$600 million, plus additional annual operating costs






New Preferred Option



Campbell River:

- **New 80 bed Hospital**

- > All current services maintained
 - > 20 additional beds
 - > State-of-the-art hospital with flexible design
 - > New Hospital can be expanded when need arises
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New Preferred Option



Comox Valley

- New hospital
 - > Replaces 110 beds and services at St. Joseph's
 - > New specialized services for all North Island residents supported by 40 – 50 more beds for a total of 150-160 beds
 - > State-of-the-art with flexible design
 - Alternate role of St. Joseph's Hospital to be determined with their Board
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New Regional Services

- New regional services include:
 - Enhanced Cancer Care
 - Cardiac Medicine
 - MRI Procedures
 - Renal (Kidney) Services
 - Psychiatric Emergency
 - High Level Trauma Care
 - Higher Risk Maternity and Paediatric Care

Strengths of new proposal

- Reflects community, physician and staff input
- Keeps a hospital in each community and maintains existing services in each
- Improves access to specialized services for all North Island residents
 - > Reduces need to travel to Victoria or Nanaimo
- Two brand new hospitals with about 80 more beds for North Island residents





Strengths of new proposal (con't)

- Improved environment for patients
- Supports Aboriginal connection in Campbell River
- Continued significant role for family physicians
- Better recruitment and retention of physicians and staff with enhanced workplaces



Next Steps

- VIHA requires Regional Hospital District support to move to next phase
- Community and stakeholder engagement on new proposal will start shortly
- Looking forward to discussing new option with North Island communities
- Questions and Open House