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City Seeking Public Input on VIHA Plan for Two Hospitals

The City of Campbell River is welcoming public input regarding the Vancouver Island Health Authority's plans to establish two new hospitals, one in Campbell River, one in the Courtenay area.

"We're encouraging people to let us know what they think of this plan by the end of the month so we can prepare an official position in time for the March Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board meeting," explains Mayor Charlie Cornfield.

"We will continue to meet with our local MLA, the physicians at our local hospital, First Nations and the Citizens for Quality Healthcare, and we're looking for input from the general public too," the Mayor emphasizes.

"We want to hear what people think about the proposal in general, and particularly people's thoughts about location, size and levels of services," he says.

The City requests feedback submitted by February 27 via:

- Email to mayor.cornfield@campbellriver.ca
- Letter to the Mayor at City Hall, 301 St. Ann's Road, Campbell River, BC, V9W 4C7

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has proposed a community hospital in Campbell River with 20 more beds and a regional facility for acute care and a variety of specialized services in a location to be determined in the Comox Valley.

"We are working with VIHA and the Regional Hospital District Board to clarify the details of VIHA's proposal, and we will share further information as soon as possible," the Mayor confirms.

Read about VIHA's plan at:

- www.viha.ca (Click on the "Hot Topics" *Two New Hospitals Recommended for Comox-Strathcona* link, then select *Comox-Strathcona Acute Care Service Options*. A brochure called *North Island Hospital Services* is also linked here.)
- www.strathconard.ca (Click on the "Notice Board" *New hospital proposal*.)

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