



**Fraser-Fort George
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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: H-NOR 3.0
FROM: Sarah White, General Manager of Financial Services
DATE: February 7, 2025
SUBJECT: Northern Health – Draft Capital Plan and UHNBC Acute Care Tower Project Update
SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint Presentation from Northern Health Authority (*To be provided as an additional item*)
2. Letter dated February 5, 2025 from Northern Health Authority regarding 2025 Draft Capital Budget
3. Letter dated February 20, 2025 from Northern Health Authority regarding UHNBC New Acute Care Tower Project Update

Previous Reports: None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report and letter dated February 5, 2025 from the Northern Health Authority be received for information.
2. THAT the Northern Health Authority’s 2025 Capital Plan be received for information.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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ISSUE(S):

Each year, the Northern Health Authority (“NHA”) provides the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District (“RHD”) with a Draft Capital Plan for major projects and equipment proposed for health care facilities within the region.

The Draft Capital Plan provides the RHD an opportunity to consider the NHA’s future capital funding needs in preparation for its own budget planning. The NHA’s capital funding is typically provided by the Province of British Columbia, and any capital plan projects are contingent on Provincial contributions and approval by NHA’s Board.

Attached is the NHA’s most recent capital plan for the 2025/26 NHA fiscal year (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026). The RHD applies this capital plan to its own 2025 fiscal year which runs from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

The Draft Capital Plan is being provided for information purposes only and the Board is not being asked to take any action at this time.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. *Hospital District Act*, Section 32(1) and (2)
 - provides requirement for Hospital District boards to enact capital bylaws to permit the borrowing or spending of money to meet capital expenditures.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The RHD typically cost shares at the 40% level for major equipment and capital projects over \$100,000 and also provides an annual building integrity grant and minor equipment grant for equipment and projects costing under \$100,000.

Cost sharing for information technology or NHA region wide projects are typically subject to a lower contribution request from the RHD.

The 2025 proposed RHD funding request of \$11,707,624 includes the following breakdown by type of funding:

Funding Type	Amount
Major Projects – Continuation of Prior Year Projects	\$2,740,400
Major Projects – New	\$4,202,800
Building Integrity	\$100,000
Minor Equipment (< \$100,000)	\$1,120,400
Information Technology (IT)	\$206,424
Major Equipment	\$3,337,600
Total RHD Funding Request – 2024	\$11,707,624

NHA representatives will be in attendance to provide an overview presentation outlining priority projects and to provide an update on the UHNBC Acute Care Tower project.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The RHD recognizes a number of commitments to NHA for remaining amounts on capital bylaws approved up to December 31, 2024. These commitments have not been included in the 2025 Major Project costs as above and they will be recognized in the RHD Budget as outstanding commitments in the anticipated year of expenditure.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.

COMMENTS:

The attached letter outlines the 2025 NHA Capital Plan attached to this report includes a list of individual projects, the budgets of which form the overall funding request from the RHD.

The projects listed for 2025 are:

Major Projects

1. UHN Echo-Cardiac Services Department Renovation
2. UHN Hematology Relocation Renovation Phase 2A
3. UHN Hematology Relocation Renovation Phase 2B
4. UHN Phase 2 - Energy Efficient preheat of DHW Storage (CNCP)
5. UHN Condensate System Upgrades (CNCP)
6. UHN LAB Histology Ventilation Upgrade
7. UHN LAB Morgue Racking System Replacement
8. UHN FM Elevator 3 Upgrade
9. UHN FM Electrical Rooms 1 and 6 Upgrade
10. UHN Psychiatry Nurse Call System Replacement

Information Technology Projects

1. NHR IT Cybersecurity Initiatives including Forescout
2. AGFA EI PACS Upgrade

Major Equipment

1. UHN Network Replacement
2. UHN DCS Topcon Optical Coherenct Tomo
3. UHN MAT Ultrasound
4. UHN OR Anesthesia Units x3
5. UHN OR Urology Laser Replacement
6. UHN LAB Urinalysis Replacement
7. UHN X-Ray N0001340 Replacement
8. UHN CT 64 Replacement
9. UHN LAB Electrophoresis System Replacement
10. UHN DI Ultrasound Replacement
11. UHN OR General Surgical Towers Replacement
12. UHN Nurse Call Head Equipment
13. MCK Lab Chemistry Analyzer Replacement

These projects are listed in priority order for each category. Northern Health is aware of the budgetary limit of 21.625% of requested funding proposed for 2025 and will be sending bylaw requests to the FFGRHD in priority order.

Respectfully submitted,

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