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April 28, 2025

Dear Chief, Mayor and Councils,

**RE: Request for Support in Redesigning the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre**

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As MLAs for Kamloops Centre, Kamloops – North Thompson, Fraser – Nicola, Cariboo – Chilcotin and Prince George-Valemount, we are writing to request your support and advocacy for the redesign of the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre to ensure it provides the same level of care, resources, and services as other cancer centers throughout British Columbia.

Currently, the proposed Kamloops Cancer Centre differs significantly from other provincial cancer facilities in terms of being designed as a site with two different locations, one of which will be overseen by the local health authority and the other site overseen by B.C. Cancer; neither of their data and information software work with each other and lastly, the Kamloops centre will not include a PET-CT scanner.

These inconsistencies create inequitable access to cancer care for residents in our region compared to other areas of the province and will also create major challenges for proper recruitment and retention. Many communities across BC have benefited from comprehensively designed cancer centres that follow a provincial standard. Our community deserves the same level of care and consideration.

Although we have brought this to the Minister of Health's attention by way of letter, an in person meeting and most recently questioning the Minister during debate on budget estimates, we respectfully request that you advocate for this redesign by either using the enclosed letter template or drafting your own letter, requesting the Minister of Health address the concerns being raised by the medical community to ensuring the healthcare needs of the region are being adequately met not only now, but in the years to come.

We kindly ask that you email your letter to us by May 22<sup>nd</sup> as we are hoping to present your letters en masse to Minister Osborne at the legislature before the end of session.


Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and provide additional information as needed.

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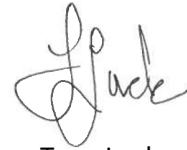
Sincerely,



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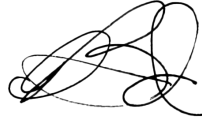
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Dear Minister Osborne,

**RE: Urgent Request for the Redesign of Kamloops Cancer Care Centre**

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On behalf of the Mayor and Council of [Municipality], we are writing to express our strong support for the redesign of the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre to ensure it meets the same comprehensive standards as other cancer treatment facilities across British Columbia.

Our Council has been made aware of significant concerns raised by medical professionals regarding the current design proposal for the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre. These healthcare experts have clearly articulated that the current design will not deliver the comprehensive Regional Cancer Centre that our region desperately needs. As elected representatives responsible for the wellbeing of our citizens, we find these concerns deeply troubling.

The Interior Health region serves a large geographic area with diverse communities that deserve equitable access to cancer care. Residents of Kamloops and surrounding communities should not have to travel to Kelowna or Vancouver to receive the same level of cancer treatment available elsewhere in the province. A properly designed comprehensive Regional Cancer Centre in Kamloops would:

- Ensure equitable access to life-saving cancer treatments for all residents in our region
- Reduce travel burden on patients and families already facing significant health challenges
- Enable local recruitment and retention of specialized healthcare professionals
- Support integrated care that addresses both physical and emotional needs of cancer patients
- Prepare our region for projected increases in cancer incidence due to our aging population

We respectfully request that you direct your Ministry to engage meaningfully with local medical professionals and stakeholders to address their concerns and revise the current design to ensure the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre is designed on one site, as is the standard of other BC Cancer sites including builds currently under construction across BC.

Our citizens deserve nothing less than the same quality of cancer care provided to British Columbians in other regions of the province. We are confident that with proper consultation and a commitment to equitable healthcare delivery, an appropriate design can be achieved that will serve the needs of cancer patients throughout the Interior for decades to come.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to work collaboratively toward a solution that ensures our region receives a cancer centre that truly meets the needs of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

[Mayor's Name]

Mayor of [Municipality]

On behalf of [Municipality] Council:

[Councillor Names Listed]

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