

October 15, 2021

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Dear Premier Horgan,

In response to a question from Radio NL during your media availability on Thursday Oct 7, 2021 you stated that the Kamloops Cancer Centre was indeed at Treasury Board. We are excited to hear that this is the case, as previously in questioning during Budget Estimates on June 16, 2021 you stated that this project was not at Treasury Board, even though during a Radio NL interview on February 5, 2021 you stated the project was at Treasury Board.

Our renewed optimism is due to your answers during the above-mentioned Budget Estimates where you made it clear that for a large Healthcare capital project to proceed to Treasury Board a concept plan would have to be developed first. Here is the Hansard excerpt reflecting your comments during Estimates debate on June 16, 2021:

Hon. J. Horgan: That's correct. First stage, concept plan. General approval. It moves to the second stage, which is that granular process to get to the business plan. And I'll just say that's been consistent since the beginning of time, I would suggest, but certainly over the previous government into this government.

Based on your June 2021 statement, clarifying how far along a project is before getting to Treasury Board, and your recent October 2021 comments mentioned above, we arrive at the conclusion that a concept plan for the Kamloops Cancer Centre has been completed. Therefore, as the two MLAs for Kamloops and area, we respectfully request a copy of this concept plan to better understand what is planned for this project.

Rest assured that our constituents in Kamloops and the surrounding area are excited to have learned from you last week that the Kamloops Cancer Centre has proceeded to the stage whereby the concept plan has been completed, and it is now in the more granular business plan phase. Public expectations are high after your commitment on Oct 17, 2020 during your visit to Kamloops as part of the provincial election that the Kamloops Cancer Centre would be open by Fall 2024, so it is great to see things seemingly proceeding more quickly.

We have also attached our letter of questions from Jan 18, 2021 which we assume must have been answered internally for a proper concept plan to have been developed. We respectfully request that we be provided answers to the questions we posed in that Jan 18, 2021 letter as it's frankly unacceptable that as the local MLAs we have not received any kind of response to our letter for almost 9 months.

We look forward to your timely response. We can certainly agree that a critical health project like the Kamloops Cancer Centre transcends partisan politics and will need all of us working together to see such a worthwhile project completed by Fall of 2024.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Premier,

Re: Kamloops Cancer Care Centre

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During the recent provincial election, you made a commitment for a Cancer Care Centre to be built in Kamloops within the next four years. As local MLA's for the Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) Board several questions have arisen, and we are looking for clarification to be able to provide accurate answers to our constituents.

What is the expected operational date for the Cancer Care Centre?

Has the planning for the new Cancer Care Centre started?

What is the scope of Cancer treatment services that will be provided in the new Centre, and will said scope be inclusive of at least two linear accelerators?

Where will the new Cancer Care Centre be located?

Is the money for the planning being provided by Interior Health Authority (IHA) or the Ministry of Health?

Who will be the lead agency in this project, Ministry of Health, IHA or BC Cancer?

Given previous Cancer Centre's have been a collaboration between the Province and BC Cancer, is this the intended model for the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre?

Given previous Cancer Centre's were not funded by local Hospital Boards, will the TRHD be expected to commit capital dollars or will the new Cancer Care Centre be funded by the Province and BC Cancer?

If the intention is to seek capital dollars from the TRHD, what is the contribution expected to be?

Will Hospital Foundations be expected to fundraise for the new Cancer Care Centre?

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If the intention is to seek a contribution from Hospital Foundations, what is the amount expected to be?

If the expectation is for Capital dollars from either the TRHD or Hospital Foundations, will the Cancer Care Centre proceed without those commitments?

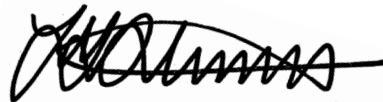
The need for enhanced Cancer care in Kamloops and the surrounding region has never been greater. We look forward to not only answers to the questions above, but also to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to get this project built and operational within the four-year timeframe that you have promised.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



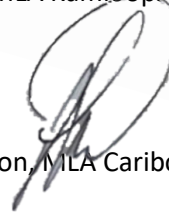
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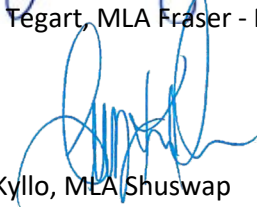
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