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Their Worship George V. Harvie
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Dear Mayor Harvie:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2026, addressed to the Honourable David Eby, Premier, regarding the new Beedie Long-Term Care Centre in Delta. It was a pleasure to meet with you on March 27, 2026, along with representatives from the Delta Hospital and Community Health Foundation. As your enquiry falls under the purview of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of Premier Eby to the issues you have raised.

I recognize the importance of ensuring seniors can access the health care services and supports they need. Since 2017, the Province has completed 16 long-term care projects and has six more underway, with much more to do, including in communities like yours.

Like other governments across Canada, British Columbia is facing fiscal pressures that require careful choices. Construction costs continue to rise, pushing the price of building long-term care homes beyond sustainable levels. With some project estimates reaching \$1.8m per bed, it is necessary for a different approach to be taken on the delivery of long-term care beds to ensure we can deliver these projects at the scale and volume that they are needed.

The Province remains committed to building the long-term care homes communities like Delta need. That's why the Ministry of Infrastructure is working to identify strategies that increase cost-efficiency while maintaining a high level of care for seniors. Right now, this means adjusting timelines for the delivery of seven approved long-term care projects, including the Delta project, to allow us to do the work necessary to ensure these beds—and more—can be delivered sustainably.

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As you may be aware, early work on the new Beedie Long-Term Care Centre have been underway. This includes ground densification of the soil as well as municipal services being brought to the construction site and capped off. It is important to note that these investments will not be lost as they are required to support future development.

We are conducting a review of the long-term care infrastructure program. The project's next steps will be discussed with the Fraser Health Authority, and the timeline for reinitiation will be determined in a future budget cycle.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I look forward to continuing collaborative work on initiatives that improve access to health care services in Delta. If you would like to meet to discuss this matter in more detail, please reach out to Sarah Gotto, Administrative Coordinator, at Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,



Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of Infrastructure

cc: Honourable David Eby
Premier

This letter is in response to a letter from Council sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, Bowinn Ma, requesting that:

The Province remove the current pause on the project and enable Fraser Health to work collaboratively with the Delta Hospital and Community Health Foundation during the upcoming pre-load settling period to identify efficiencies that can reduce the current cost per bed. Council further requests that the outcomes of this work by Fraser Health and the Delta Community Health Foundation, be reported directly to the Premier's Office, the Minister of Health, Fraser Health, the Delta Hospital Community Health Foundation, and Delta Council.

In response, Minister Ma writes:

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In her letter, Minister Ma also offers an opportunity to meet with the Council to discuss improving healthcare services in Delta. Accordingly, the following proposed resolution is provided for Council's consideration:

"THAT staff arrange a meeting for Council with Minister Ma in response to the Minister's offer to meet to discuss improving healthcare services in Delta."