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June 24, 2025

Honourable David Eby  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Premier Eby,

**RE: Urgent Action Needed – Kamloops Cancer Care Centre Design**

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We are writing to you directly because repeated letters from Mayors, Chiefs, and Councils from Williams Lake south to Merritt—as well as from myself and fellow MLAs—have been ignored by your Ministers. The people of this region deserve answers and action.

As it stands, the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre—completely omitted from today’s attached press release—is the only new centre in British Columbia being designed with two physically separate, disconnected sites and without a PET-CT scanner. Every other new centre includes this essential diagnostic tool within a single, fully integrated building. This disparity is a clear inequity—and it is completely unacceptable.

We are demanding that you step in immediately and ensure the Kamloops Cancer Centre is redesigned and built to match the same comprehensive standards as the rest of the province. The project is still in the architectural design phase—it is not too late to get this right.

It is deeply disappointing to see your government promote the narrative that BC is building four new cancer centres each with PET-CT scanners, when in fact two of those scanners will be located at the same facility in Surrey. Kamloops residents are being misled and left behind.

Will your government take action to fix this, or continue to ignore the unified voices of an entire region?

We expect you to ensure this project meets the standard British Columbians deserve—no less.

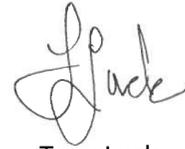
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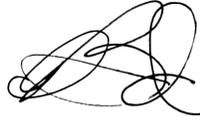
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BC Cancer

Ministry of Health

The University of British Columbia

June 24, 2025

### **BC Cancer and UBC roll out the fastest PET/CT scanner in Canada**

**VANCOUVER** – BC Cancer, in partnership with the University of British Columbia (UBC), has rolled out the most advanced PET/CT scanner in the country – a next generation machine that provides fast imaging and is the first capable of whole body imaging from head to pelvis in a single frame. This will provide patients with improved diagnostics and further the development of novel imaging agents and targeted cancer treatments.

“This new PET/CT scanner will be transformative,” said Josie Osborne, Minister of Health.

“People with cancer today will benefit from high-quality images and a more accurate diagnosis. In the future, people who receive a cancer diagnosis could have access to innovative, precision treatments developed through research enabled by this technology.”

The new Quadra PET/CT scanner – the first in Canada – began scanning patients in May 2025. Located at BC Cancer – Vancouver, the new scanner offers the largest field of view among any PET/CT scanners in Canada and can scan faster with higher image quality and less radiation exposure than previous scanners.

“As an oncologist, having access to cutting-edge imaging technology provides the detailed and accurate information I need to create efficient and effective treatment plans,” said Dr. Paris-Ann Ingledeew, interim chief medical officer and executive vice-president, BC Cancer. “For our patients, this means precision care with fewer side effects and the best chance at a long, healthy life beyond cancer.”

In addition to elevating cancer imaging, the new scanner will offer researchers at BC Cancer and UBC critical capabilities for the development of new radiopharmaceutical drugs to treat cancer. A growing area of research and innovation is to use radioisotopes to directly target cancer cells in the body. This is enabling a new generation of diagnostics that can detect cancer

earlier with lower radiation, and highly precise radiation treatments that have minimal impact on nearby healthy tissues and potentially fewer side effects for patients.

“This new scanner enables research that was previously impossible,” said Dr. François Bénard, Senior Executive Director, Research, BC Cancer and Associate Dean, Research, BC Cancer Research Institute, UBC Faculty of Medicine. “With this technology we can assess new radiopharmaceuticals at extremely low doses, conduct research on early cancer detection with minimal radiation exposure, and provide critical information to foster and evaluate new treatments.”

The purchase of this scanner was made possible as part of a larger research infrastructure grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the B.C. Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF) awarded to UBC, with Dr. Bénard and Dr. Arman Rahmim as co-principal investigators. The total funding for this initiative includes \$6.2 million from CFI and \$6.2 million from BCKDF, with an additional \$6.1 million from the BC Cancer Foundation.

“This is a powerful example of what can be achieved through collaboration between leading academic institutions, researchers and clinical partners,” said Dr. Dermot Kelleher, Dean, UBC Faculty of Medicine and Vice-President, Health, UBC. “The research enabled by this next-generation PET/CT scanner will drive future innovations in cancer care that allow us to detect cancer sooner, improve outcomes and enhance quality of life for patients in B.C.”

BC Cancer has the most heavily utilized PET/CT scanners in Canada. This scanner replaces an older unit that has reached the end of its life after 13 years of medical use. Though time is still needed to set up the equipment and comfortably situate the patient, this new technology allows images that previously took up to 30 minutes to be acquired in five minutes or less.

The faster scanning time and high sensitivity of this new PET/CT scanner will enable BC Cancer – Vancouver to expand its research capacity, and eventually increase its scanning capacity. Recruitments are now underway to hire the specialized staff to expand capacity in Vancouver.

The newly-renovated Molecular Imaging and Therapy Department at BC Cancer – Vancouver features a myriad of images of Indigenous art that greet patients as they undergo treatment. Created by Squamish Nation artists Koltan Khasalus Grant and Lyle Williams, the art illustrates the provincial government’s commitment to deliver culturally safe care and, together with a new immersive digital wall serves a therapeutic purpose as it will help to calm patients in a moment of tense anticipation.

B.C.’s 10-Year Cancer Action Plan outlines steps to better prevent, detect and treat cancers and deliver improved care, while preparing for growing needs, including building more cancer centres in B.C., adding new diagnostic equipment, hiring new physicians and clinical support staff and expanding cancer screening programs.

#### **Quick Facts:**

- In 2024/25, BC Cancer provided 20,314 PET/CT scans to people with cancer in our province.
- PET/CT combines positron emission tomography (PET) and computed tomography (CT) scans to evaluate a body’s organs and tissues at a molecular level. PET/CT identifies abnormalities in cells and can show whether a tumour has grown, shrunk or returned.
- PET/CT imaging enables physicians to accurately diagnose and stage cancers, determine appropriate treatment options and measure treatment efficacy.

- This next generation Quadra PET/CT scanner enables imaging of patients with lower radiation exposure, improved access to the best technology available, shorter wait times due to faster scans, more detailed and dynamic imaging of their cancer, and improved comfort during the scanning process.
- The new scanner will also enable new research and drug development to diagnose and treat cancers. From early detection of cancer for patients with genes linked to hereditary cancer to optimized treatment planning and personalized therapies, the scanner will support a wide spectrum of research projects.
- There are four publicly funded PET/CT scanners in B.C.:
  - Two are located at BC Cancer – Vancouver
  - One is located at BC Cancer – Victoria
  - One is located at BC Cancer – Kelowna
- BC Cancer’s four new cancer centres will add publicly funded PET/CTs to the provincial health care system:
  - Two PET/CT scanners in the new Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre
  - One PET/CT scanner as part of the new BC Cancer centre at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital
  - One PET/CT scanner as part of Burnaby Hospital phase 2 redevelopment and BC Cancer – Burnaby McCarthy Centre
- The rollout of the most advanced photon-counting CT scanner in Canada, announced on May 5, 2025, is part of B.C.’s 10-Year Cancer Care Action Plan, which is centered around improved ways to prevent, detect and treat cancers.

**BC Cancer**, a program of the Provincial Health Services Authority, is committed to reducing the incidence of cancer, reducing the mortality from cancer and improving the quality of life of those living with cancer. It provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of British Columbia by working with community partners to deliver a range of oncology services, including prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, education, supportive care, rehabilitation and palliative care. For more information, visit [www.bccancer.bc.ca](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@BCCancer](https://twitter.com/BCCancer).

The **Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)** provides specialized [health care services and programs](#) to communities across British Columbia, the territories of many distinct First Nations. We are grateful to all the First Nations who have cared for and nurtured this land for all time, including the *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* (Squamish), and *səlilwətał* (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations on whose unceded and ancestral territory our head office is located. We work in partnership with other B.C. health authorities and the provincial government to deliver province-wide solutions that improve the health of British Columbians. For more information, visit [www.phsa.ca](http://www.phsa.ca) or follow us [@PHSAofBC](https://twitter.com/PHSAofBC).

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Simpcw First Nation, Chief and Council and the Simpcw Health Director

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Chief and Council

Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band, Chief and Council

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100 Mile House, Mayor and Council

Ashcroft, Mayor and Council

Barriere, Mayor and Council

Cache Creek, Mayor and Council

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Clinton, Mayor and Council

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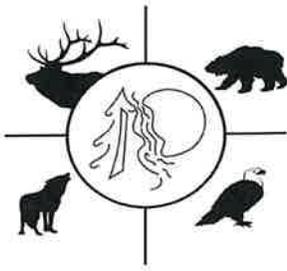
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May 15, 2025

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Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
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Victoria BC, V8W 9E2

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

Dear Minister Osborne,

On behalf of the Chief and Council of Coldwater Indian Band, 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.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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Respectfully submitted,



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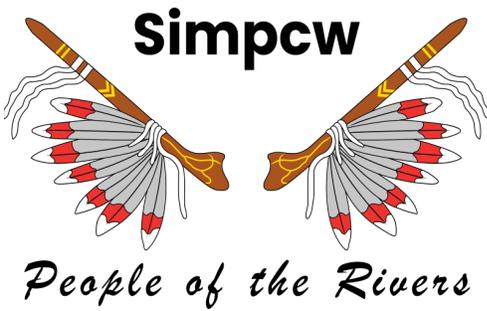
On behalf of Coldwater Indian Band Council

Councillors: Jackie Aljam, Shawn Bob, Leah Collins, Veronica Jameson, Vice Chief Cheryl Rule, Carol Smith, Michael Smithers

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Kúkwpí7 George Lampreau

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Yours truly,  
**Tkemlúps te Secwépemc**

Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir (Chief)  
On behalf of Council

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May 5, 2025

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Chief Edward LeBourdais

On behalf of Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band Chief & Council:

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Maureen Pinkney  
Mayor of District of 100 Mile House

On behalf of District of 100 Mile House Council:  
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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,



Barbrara Roden, Mayor  
Village of Ashcroft

On behalf of Village of Ashcroft Council:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Dorren Lambert

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops  North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser – Nicola  
Lorne Doerkson, MLA Cariboo – Chilcotin  
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Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
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May 12, 2025

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 the District of Barriere we are writing to express our 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 may 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 important to address.

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. The planned Regional Cancer Centre in Kamloops should:

- 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
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- 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 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,

Rob Kerslake, Mayor  
District of Barriere  
[mayor@barriere.ca](mailto:mayor@barriere.ca)

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser – Nicola  
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# Village of Cache Creek

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May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2  
SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Osborne,

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

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of Cache Creek, 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:

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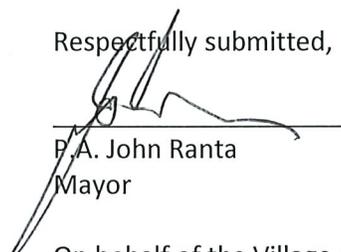
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We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to work collaboratively toward a solution that ensures our region receives a cancer centre that truly meets the needs of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

  
P.A. John Ranta  
Mayor

On behalf of the Village of Cache Creek Council:  
Councillor Carmen Ranta  
Councillor David Dubois  
Councillor Kelly Debert  
Councillor Susan Peters

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops - North Thompson  
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Mayor Merlin Blackwell

District of Clearwater

May 8th, 2025,

Dear Minister Osborne,

Thank you for meeting with myself and THRD Chair Mike O'Reilly on this issue on March 28th of this year.

I and my Council are joining the chorus of local elected officials and MLAs asking for a redesign of the Kamloops Cancer Centre. We need a full-service Cancer Centre for Kamloops, one that does not rely on patients having to travel to other Cancer Centres for treatment or diagnosis.

I am a four-time cancer survivor myself; I only count the ones where I had to be put under for surgery. I had to travel to Quesnel, Vancouver, and Kelowna for treatment or diagnosis in the past. It added additional stress, additional costs, and it often put me at risk, traveling long distances on snowy winter highways. It is not the same thing as having to take transit, get a ride, or catch a cab across the city in a metro area.

Many of my Councillors have and/or are going through similar situations themselves, with family members and with friends. It completely derails the lives of not just the patient and the people they need to rely on, but also the families of those supporters in a patient's cancer journey. What would be an afternoon off work for a friend in Vancouver or Kelowna is usually an overnight stay and 2 days of travel for a patient living in rural BC. A full-service Cancer Centre would dramatically reduce that burden.

We discussed the need for a PET CT and other services. Though council doesn't really want a delay in the opening of the new centre, we also want the new centre to have the same level of services as the Nanaimo Centre. If it's about funding, maybe communities and citizens can help.

Sincerely,

Mayor Merlin Blackwell

CC: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops North Thompson  
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May 22, 2025

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2  
SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Osborne,

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

On behalf of the Village of Clinton, we are writing to express our support in principle 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:

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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,



Roland Stanke  
Mayor, Village of Clinton

On behalf of Village of Clinton Council:

Councillor Sandi Burrage  
Councillor Darrell Schapansky  
Councillor David Park

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser – Nicola  
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May 20, 2025

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
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Dear Minister Osborne:

RE: Urgent Request for the Redesign of Kamloops Cancer Centre

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On behalf of the City of Kamloops, I am writing to express our strong support for the urgent redesign of the Kamloops Cancer Centre. It is imperative that this facility be brought up to the same comprehensive standards as other cancer treatment centres across British Columbia, ensuring equitable access to quality health care for all residents. Medical professionals have raised significant concerns about the current design proposal, stating it will not deliver the comprehensive regional cancer centre our region needs. As elected representatives, 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 the City of Kamloops and the surrounding communities, including those as far north as Williams Lake, should not be required 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
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- prepare our region for projected increases in cancer incidence due to our aging population

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 health care delivery, an appropriate design can be achieved that will serve the needs of cancer patients throughout the Interior for decades to come.

We respectfully request that you direct your ministry to engage in meaningful consultation with local medical professionals and interest holders to address concerns raised and revise the current design of the Kamloops Cancer Centre. It is essential that the facility is holistically designed to deliver equitable cancer care services consistent with the standards of other BC Cancer sites, including builds currently under construction across the province. We also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss this further and look forward to a response on this urgent matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Karpuk  
Deputy Mayor

cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops-North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser-Nicola  
Lorne Doerkson, MLA Cariboo-Chilcotin  
Rosalynd Bird, MLA Prince George-Valemount



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June 4, 2025

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
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Victoria BC, V8W 9E2  
SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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 the District of Lillooet, 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.

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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,



Laurie Hopfl  
Mayor of District of Lillooet

On behalf of the District of Lillooet Council:  
Councillor Kevin Aitken  
Councillor Randy McNary  
Councillor Patti Flann  
Councillor Barb Wiebe

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser – Nicola  
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May 13, 2025

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2  
SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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 Merritt, 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.

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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,



Mike Goetz,  
Mayor

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops & North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser – Nicola  
Lorne Doerkson, MLA Cariboo – Chilcotin  
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May 9, 2025

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2  
SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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 Sun Peaks Mountain Resort 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.

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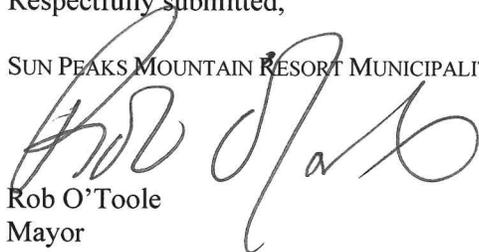
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We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to work collaboratively toward a solution that ensures our region receives a cancer centre that truly meets the needs of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

SUN PEAKS MOUNTAIN RESORT MUNICIPALITY



Rob O'Toole  
Mayor

On behalf of Sun Peaks Municipal Council:

Councillor K. Dye  
Councillor B. Gillespie  
Councillor L. Hrycan  
Councillor J. Kimmel

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops □ North Thompson  
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May 15, 2025

File No. 0400-90 / 0530-08

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2

*Sent via email: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)*

Dear Minister Osborne:

**Re:** Urgent Request for Redesign of Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre

On behalf of City of Williams Lake Council, 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.

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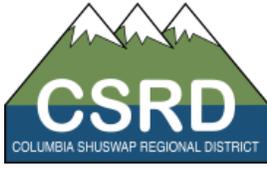
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Yours truly,



Mayor Surinderpal Rathor

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# COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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May 15, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

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

On behalf of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board of Directors, 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 Board 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.

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#### ELECTORAL AREAS

A GOLDEN-COLUMBIA  
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D FALKLAND-SALMON VALLEY

E SICAMOUS-MALAKWA  
F NORTH SHUSWAP-SEYMOUR ARM  
G BLIND BAY-SORRENTO-NOTCH HILL

#### MUNICIPALITIES

GOLDEN  
REVELSTOKE  
SALMON ARM  
SICAMOUS

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,

Yours truly,

**COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Per:



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Natalya Melnychuk  
Board Chair

cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre  
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops - North Thompson  
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser - Nicola  
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May 22, 2025

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2

SENT VIA EMAIL: [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Osborne,

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

On behalf of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), 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.

The TNRD 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.

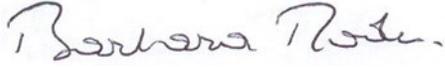
Our citizens deserve nothing less than the same quality of cancer care provided to British Columbians in other regions of the province. We are confident that with proper consultation and a commitment to equitable healthcare delivery, an appropriate design can be achieved that will serve the needs of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

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Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Roden".

Barbara Roden  
Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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Dear Minister Osborne:

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

On behalf of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors, I am 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.

The SLRD Board 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 the region desperately needs. As elected representatives responsible for the well-being of our citizens, we find these concerns deeply troubling.

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We respectfully request that you instruct your Ministry to engage in meaningful discussions with local medical professionals and stakeholders. It is important to address their concerns and revise the current design of the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre. The goal is to ensure that it is built on a single site, as is the standard for other BC Cancer facilities, including those currently under construction across British Columbia.

Our citizens deserve the same high-quality cancer care that is available to British Columbians in other regions of the province. We believe that with proper consultation and a commitment to equitable healthcare delivery, we can develop a suitable design that will meet the needs of cancer patients throughout the Interior for many years to come.

We support ongoing discussions and working toward a solution that ensures all regions receive cancer facilities that genuinely address the needs of our communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JFord." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jen Ford  
Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

CC: SLRD Board of Directors  
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