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Capital Regional Hospital District to Purchase Property from School District 61

Victoria, BC- The Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) has entered into an agreement with School District 61 to purchase 950 Kings Road in the City of Victoria. The property is immediately adjacent to The Summit at Quadra Village, a 320-unit residential care facility the CRHD is building at 955 Hillside Avenue for seniors who need complex and dementia care.

No specific project has been planned for 950 Kings and the long term development of the property will be subject to further planning and community consultations. In the immediate future, some of the property will be used during construction as a staging ground for construction materials, meeting space and parking for contractors during the development of The Summit.

"The acquisition of this property will complement the development of the Summit project and provide strategic value to the CRHD," said CRHD Chair David Howe. "Having the ability to acquire land and create partnerships provides the opportunity to develop projects that improve the health and wellbeing of our residents."

"The Board of Education is extremely pleased that this land is being returned to the public trust in perpetuity serving the needs of our broader community within the Greater Victoria area," said Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Board Chair, School District 61.

School District 61 will host a public information meeting on Monday, November 23 from 6pm-8pm to provide background and additional information on the property and the sale. CRHD officials will also be present to speak to the immediate use and longer term strategic value of the property.

A public engagement process related to the design of The Summit will begin in December. The Summit will replace Oak Bay Lodge and Mount Tolmie Hospital, which have reached the end of their functional life as healthcare facilities. The Summit is expected to begin construction in the late summer of 2016 and be completed in the spring of 2019.

A corporation of the CRD, the Capital Regional Hospital District partners with Island Health and community agencies to develop and improve health-related facilities in the Region. Through capital and other community investments, the CRHD supports a healthy, vibrant and livable region for all citizens.

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Background: Capital Regional Hospital District to Purchase Property from School District 61

- The Greater Victoria School District #61 (SD #61) has entered into an agreement to sell 950 Kings Road Victoria to the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD).
- Blanshard Elementary School was located at 950 Kings Road and was closed effective July 1, 2003.
- 950 Kings Road was leased by SD #61 in 2004 to a private post-secondary company for 99 years. The sale to CRHD will bring ownership of the property back into community control.
- In total, the CRHD will pay \$5.8 million for the 950 Kings property.
- SD # 61 will host a public information meeting on Monday, November 23 from 6-8pm to provide background and additional information on the property and the sale. CHRD officials will also be present to speak to the immediate use and longer term strategic value of the property.
- SD #61 needs consent from the Minister of Education to finalize the sale of 950 Kings.
- 950 Kings is well-suited for future community healthcare related use. The long term development of the property will be subject to further planning with Island Health and community consultations.
- 950 Kings is adjacent to 955 Hillside Avenue where the CRHD is building The Summit at Quadra Village.
- The Summit is a 320 unit residential and dementia care project to be operated by Island Health as a replacement of Oak Bay Lodge and Mount Tolmie Hospital, which have reached the end of their functional life as healthcare facilities.
- Some of the 950 Kings property will be used during construction as a Summit project staging ground for construction materials, meeting space and parking for contractors.
- A public engagement process related to the design of The Summit will begin in December. The Summit is expected to begin construction in the late summer of 2016 and be completed in the spring of 2019.