August 28, 2026

Mayor and Council
Town of View Royal
45 View Royal Avenue
V8Z 6R5

Re: Development Variance Permit Application – Secure Bicycle Shelter at Victoria General Hospital, 1 Hospital Way, Victoria, BC. V8Z 6R5

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of Island Health, I am writing to request a Development Variance Permit associated with the construction of a new secure bicycle shelter at the Victoria General Hospital, Victoria, BC.

The proposed bicycle shelter is intended to provide safe, secure, and weather-protected bicycle parking for hospital staff. With a large staff presence on site 24 hours a day, it is not possible to provide vehicle parking for all staff. The new secure bicycle shelter will address transportation challenges while supporting Island Health's greenhouse gas reduction initiatives. The project encourages active transportation, promotes sustainable commuting options, and aligns with broader community goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on single-occupancy vehicles.

The proposed shelter is located within an existing parking lot area within the Victoria General Hospital property boundaries. The project has been planned so that it does not displace any existing vehicle parking stalls and utilizes vacant space that cannot be used for either vehicle parking or other HealthCare buildings. The site is adjacent to established cycling routes such as the galloping Goose Regional Trail, allowing cyclists to access the hospital campus safely and efficiently.

This Bike shelter initiative aligns with the View Royal Active Transportation Network Plan to allow residents and visitors to move around the community safely by walking, cycling or rolling and reduce GHG emissions.

A variance is requested to increase the size of an accessory building from 7.5m to 10.5m. The proposed shelter does not impact or alter use of the existing main property structure, is being constructed of primarily non-combustible materials and meets all fire code requirements. The proposed bicycle shelter will not adversely affect neighbouring properties, vehicle traffic or road safety and will enhance the hospital campus by providing secure infrastructure that supports employees who choose to commute by bicycle.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. We appreciate Council's support of initiatives that promote sustainability, accessibility, and active transportation within the Town of view Royal.

Sincerely,

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