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To Mayor and Council

Thank you for providing us with D. Johnston's concerns and giving us a chance to address them.

During our evaluation process we looked at a number of locations and options for the new parkade on the UHNBC campus. This included options such as relocating existing buildings to make room for parking, purchasing land adjacent to the hospital to expand on, and upgrading existing parking spaces to a parkade. When taking into consideration all relevant factors such as size and shape of available lots, vehicle access, the current underground parkade and other underground restrictions, as well as space needed for potential future expansions, the currently proposed location was determined to be the best spot.

Going below ground is not an option. We looked into this option to potentially mitigate the height of the parkade; however, the size of the site wouldn't allow an integrated entry for both below ground and above ground parking. Because of this, and the other factors I mentioned, an above ground parkade is the most practical solution. Locating the entrance of the new parkade next to the existing entrance to the BC Cancer parkade will also give residents the option of which parkade they want to park in when arriving on the site.

The new parkade will have access to 63 secure bike storage spaces on the ground floor but will not have electric vehicle charging spaces. However, we are taking electric vehicle charging stations into consideration when looking at future developments on the UHNBC campus. We are also aware of the concerns around the sacred tree that was put in place when the BC Cancer Centre for the North was built and are currently in conversation with First Nations and we believe that this can be accommodated collaboratively, respectfully, and appropriately with our indigenous partners.

Contrary to creating a crowded campus, this parkade will actually improve flow and access for staff, patients, family members, visitors, or anyone else that needs to go to the hospital. It maximizes the use of the available space and will help to combat the current overflow we see now to existing residential streets. As we look to future expansion, this early work to establish a parkade on the UHNBC campus will be even more vital to ensuring that people are able to find parking at the hospital and access timely care.

Please let us know if there is any further information that you would like from us around our plans for the future parkade.

Once the project progresses we will be establishing an online page on our Let's Talk portal for public engagement. Concerns or questions throughout the lifetime of the project can be also be sent to letstalk@northernhealth.ca

We understand this correspondence will be published to the online council meeting agenda the day after the meeting.

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