

Date: March 21, 2025

To: **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: Municipally Administered Medical Clinics

Attachment(s):

1. Colwood medical clinic pilot project gets green light (media release dated September 23, 2024)
2. Colwood medical clinic FAQs
3. Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) Payment Model

Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled "Municipally Administered Medical Clinics" from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, dated March 21, 2025.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide information on municipally-run clinics, specifically in the City of Colwood on Vancouver Island.

Background:

The City of Colwood has a population of approximately 19,000 and in a 2023 survey identified the most important issue to residents as access to a family doctor. The City has partnered with Aroga Lifestyle Medicine to take on the role of Medical Director, entered a lease agreement with an existing vacant clinic and is expecting to open the Colwood Clinic in 2025, employing one (1) physician in its first year and expanding to eight (8) physicians in its second year. When fully staffed, the project anticipates the capacity to provide medical care for 10,000 residents.

Under this model, the physicians, Medical Clinic Office Manager, and medical office assistants are municipal employees, with access to full benefits, vacation and pensions and will be paid through the City, funded by Provincial revenues billed by the clinic through the Ministry of Health with the Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) Payment Model.

Summary and conclusion:

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted:

Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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