

**Date:** February 13, 2026

**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. Surrey, BC announces they are the first major city in BC to move ahead with two municipally supported medical clinics (media release dated December 16, 2025)
2. Concerns raised over B.C. transitioning clinic funding models by March 2026
3. Ministry of Health LFP payment model update

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled "Municipally Administered Medical Clinics" from the Chair, dated March 3, 2026.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on municipally run clinics, specifically in the City of Surrey, BC.

**Background:**

The City of Surrey continues to experience significant population growth and increasing demand for primary care services. Surrey has approximately 59 family physicians per 100,000 residents, substantially below Vancouver's 136 per 100,000 residents. Family physicians play a critical role in the health of a community, serving as the first point of contact for care and providing the ongoing medical support necessary to maintain population health and reduce demand on emergency and hospital services.

On May 12, 2025 Surrey council directed staff to investigate healthcare initiatives undertaken by the City of Colwood with particular attention to governance, financing, and outcomes of its municipally operated medical clinic and to explore additional models to expand access to family physicians in Surrey including but not limited to community healthcare centers, interdisciplinary primary care networks and municipally supported practice hubs.

Negotiations have begun with Total Life Care Granville Medical (TLC) to develop and operate Surrey's first two City-supported medical clinics in 2026.

Summary and conclusion:

This report is provided for information.

Respectfully submitted:

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