

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**STAFF REPORT TO THE HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005**

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**SUBJECT:**

The upgrading of intermediate care facilities.

**BACKGROUND:**

Many existing intermediate care facilities need to be upgraded. The need for upgrading is largely due to the recent provincial changes in the continuing care sector.

As described in the Assisted Living Review, assisted living residences are in the process of replacing intermediate care facilities for lower disability persons. This leaves the remaining intermediate care facilities housing people with more complex conditions and high degrees of physical and cognitive disabilities.

Most of the intermediate facilities in question are 25 years and older, were not designed for current users and have serious design limitations which make it very difficult to accommodate people with high level disabilities. VIHA recognizes that these facilities need to be upgraded and is working on a proposal for which they will request Regional Hospital District cost sharing. The draft proposal involves four intermediate care facilities at an estimated total cost of \$8.46M with a potential Regional Hospital District share \$3.38M.

The 2003 Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review expanded costs sharing eligibility to include these types of projects. The expanded scope of eligible projects did not obligate Regional Hospital Districts to increase its funding beyond historic and projected expenditure levels for the hospital and extended care class projects. As the other item on the March agenda suggests there are considerable upward pressures on health capital. Also, VIHA has yet to complete its strategic plans for the various sectors. The sector (acute, continuing care, mental health, etc.) plans will define a capital plan and set annual priorities.

A formal proposal has not been submitted by VIHA and when it does it will be reviewed in detail before submission to Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee receive this report for information.

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Comments of the Director of Finance:

Comments of the Executive Director: