



## CITY OF LANGLEY

### MOTION

#### Langley's Long-Term Beds - Councillor White

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WHEREAS in September 2024, the Province of British Columbia announced a commitment to fund 300 new long-term care beds on the Langley Memorial Hospital campus, with an estimated cost of \$240–\$450 million and a planned opening by 2030; <sup>1</sup>

AND WHEREAS long-term care waitlists in British Columbia now exceed 7,000 people, average wait times have increased by more than 200% over the past 6 years, and approximately 5,900 patients waited in hospital beds last year for long-term care placement, at a cost of \$1,200 per day compared to \$294 per day for a long-term care bed, placing significant strain on the acute care system; <sup>2</sup>

AND WHEREAS Langley is among the fastest-growing communities in British Columbia, with a rapidly aging population, with Langley Memorial Hospital currently operating with only 200 long-term care beds, and an accelerating pace of shortfall of beds, which is wholly insufficient to meet the current and projected demand;<sup>3</sup>

AND WHEREAS British Columbia's 2026 Budget reduced provincial health capital funding by \$4 billion, and has paused or delayed the construction of seven scheduled long-term care projects across the province and not provided subsequent release of information on the budget allocation, confirmed project timeline for the announced 300-bed commitment at Langley Memorial Hospital;<sup>4</sup>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Langley City Council direct the Mayor to draft and send a formal letter on behalf of Langley City Council requesting a clear, written, and publicly accountable response within 30 days on the following:

1. The current status of the provincial commitment to deliver 300 new long-term care beds on the Langley Memorial Hospital campus;
2. Whether a business plan has been completed and approved by the Ministry of Health and Fraser Health Authority;
3. A confirmed project timeline with milestones, including a projected construction start date and opening date;

to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health,

copied to:

The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance

The Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure

Jody Bal-Toor, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Langley – Willowbrook

<sup>1</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HLTH0141-001484>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/monitoring-seniors-services/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HLTH0141-001484>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2026/highlights/>

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