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Minister of Health joins conversation on Sooke Region Health Care Facility

District of Sooke Mayor and Council have joined politicians from across the Province at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' Annual Convention this week in Vancouver. Sooke Mayor, Maja Tait, met with Health Minister, Adrian Dix at the convention this morning to discuss Primary Health Care infrastructure in the Sooke Region.

As the Chairperson of the Sooke Region Primary Health Care Working Group, Mayor Tait has been working with stakeholders from across the region to advocate for a local "Primary Care Home" facility. Such a facility would create space for additional family physicians, allow for urgent care treatment with extended operating hours, and result in Sooke residents having improved access to much needed medical services in their own community.

The Sooke Region Primary Care Home initiative has gained traction recently, garnering the support of the Capital Regional District Hospitals and Housing Committee, and the Capital Regional District Board of Directors. Representatives from Island Health have joined the Sooke Region Primary Health Care Working Group meetings, and the support of the Provincial Ministry of Health will bring completion of the Primary Care Home one step closer.

Speaking from the UBCM Convention, Mayor Tait stated, "I am very excited to have the Minister of Health join the conversation on improved health care infrastructure for Sooke. Our discussion was very encouraging, and I am optimistic that Sooke will see positive health care outcomes."

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