

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital Board

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 20, 2025

RE: **Hospital Services Agreement**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District approve the Hospital Services Agreement between the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) and the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District and direct the Chair and CAO to sign the agreement.

Background:

The Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District has historically provided hospital services to PIB residence.

December 31, 2023, the contract between the Hospital District and the Penticton Indian Band expired and while services continued to be provided no invoice was submitted to PIB. The continuation of services was based on the understanding that both parties would negotiate a new contract. In January 2025, PIB formally agreed to a new contract with the Hospital District. The terms of this contract were negotiated to be retroactive, effectively commencing January 1, 2024. The 2024 payment in the amount of \$129,313 was received and has been adding the hospital reserves.

The cost allocations in the new contract are based on property assessment. This formula is consistent with the one used for all participating members, which ensures fairness and uniformity in cost distribution.

Communication Strategy:

The Communication Division, in collaboration with PIB, will issue a joint release announcing that the agreement has been signed. This release will provide details about the retroactive nature of the contract and the continuity of services.

Respectfully submitted:

“Jim Zaffino”

J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer