

Meeting: NRHD– December 9, 2025

Delegation: Donna Hais, Fair Care Alliance

Subject: Funding for a catheterization lab at NRGH

Summary: The Fair Care Alliance is a coalition of medical, business, Indigenous, municipal, philanthropic and regional leaders, and the community at large standing shoulder to shoulder to ensure fair access to health care for the 490,000 citizens living in Central and Northern Vancouver Island. Our mission is to ensure that all people North of the Malahat have appropriate and comprehensive, tertiary healthcare in Nanaimo on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. We want to establish the first cardiac "cath lab" North of the Malahat at NRGH to address the region's urgent and critical need for cardiac care. Our ask to the Nanaimo Regional Hospital Board is to allocate \$50 million in the 2026 budget to fully fund a cardiac catheterization lab at NRGH. This would be a major step toward ensuring that "North of the Malahat" does not mean "below the standard of care".

Action Requested: The action we are requesting of the Board of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital Board is for 2026 \$50 million be inserted into the NRHD Capital Plan under the line item 'Catheterization Lab (Tertiary Service Requirement)' of the 2026-2030 NRHD financial plan to provide full up-front financing for the planning, construction, and equipping of a Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

*Please note: This delegation plans to attend in person.
They will not have a presentation.*