

ISSUES SCAN – Interior – February 6, 2013

Penticton Regional Hospital Capital Request – local - ongoing

Background – In May, the Okanagan Similkameen Regional Hospital District wrote to the Ministry to affirm and prioritize its commitment to redeveloping Penticton Regional Hospital (PRH). An FOI request noted that Interior Health ranked redevelopment of PRH #1 on their capital priority list. Media expressed concern when the Royal Inland Hospital master plan announcement was made that Penticton may be bypassed.

- **We understand that a new tower at Penticton Hospital is a priority for the community.**
- **The Ministry must consider the requests from one health authority with similar requests from all health authorities across the province.**
- **We need to balance these requests with the regional need, capital and operating costs, other provincial capital funding requests and the reality of our fiscal situation.**
- **While one health authority ranks a project high on their priority list, that same project may not have the same ranking in the Ministry's plan when the demands from across the province are considered.**
- **The Ministry of Health has received the draft concept plan from Interior Health and is reviewing it as part of our overall capital planning process.**
- **Since 2001, we have invested over \$12 million in upgrades to Penticton Regional Hospital**