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In answer to the questions posed by Council at the July 15, Special GPC meeting:

Victoria Sexual Assault Centre

1. Will you be asking for funding from the other municipalities as this benefits people from all over the region?

Yes. Our intention is to broaden the scope of our fundraising and approach all municipalities for funding. Currently, we are working on securing corporate sponsorship and in-kind support and will direct our energy and resources towards other municipal opportunities in late summer 2015.

2. Clarify the respective roles of Island Health and other partners for operating costs.

We are in the process of establishing the parameters of our partnership with Island Health and other partners. Our vision is that Island Health would provide the forensic nurse staffing resources, with nurses responding to sexual assaults at the Cedar Hill Clinic rather than the hospital (except in cases where children are involved or cases where survivors are severely injured and require medical attention that is beyond the scope of the forensic nurse—these cases will be triaged to hospital to ensure best care for patients/survivors). We have secured funding from the Ministry of Justice to assist with operating costs for the first two years and will approach them to continue funding. Our project partner, Mary Manning is also working to secure funds that would cover operating costs. Mary Manning will have space within the clinic specifically to serve children who have experienced abuse, that includes two police interview rooms (complete with audio equipment) and soft waiting areas for children and families (please note that all children will be referred to hospital for medical assessment as per protocol). Mary Manning will both use the facility and the administrative staff and contribute financially to help pay ongoing operating costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to your questions. Please let me know if I can provide any other information.

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