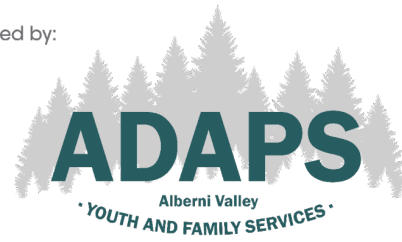




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## **BOARD BRIEFING PACKAGE**

Foundry Port Alberni: Critical Health Infrastructure  
Regional District Hospital Board Delegation Brief

## **Executive Summary**

ADAPS Youth & Family Services respectfully requests that the Regional District Hospital Board direct staff to work with ADAPS and its partners to pursue a healthcare designation for Foundry Port Alberni, allowing the Board to consider participation in funding the capital costs of the project. Foundry Port Alberni is a provincially supported integrated youth health centre that will provide mental health, substance use health, primary care, peer support, Indigenous wellness, family supports, and navigation services for youth aged 12–24.

## **Project Snapshot**

- Total Capital Project Value: Approximately \$6 million
- Provincial Commitment: Foundry Operating Agreement confirmed, 1.5M Capital investment received.
- Development Funding: Approximately \$500,000 annually until opening
- Operating Funding: Approximately \$1,000,000 annually once operational
- Service Model: Integrated youth health centre (ages 12–24)
- Host Organization: ADAPS Youth & Family Services
- Regional Scope: Alberni Valley and West Coast communities

## **Why Foundry Port Alberni Qualifies as Healthcare Infrastructure**

Foundry Port Alberni is a purpose-built healthcare facility designed to deliver publicly funded health services. The facility will contain clinical assessment rooms, counselling spaces, medical consultation rooms, integrated care planning areas, family intervention spaces, and wellness programming areas. Like community health centres, outpatient clinics, and primary care facilities, the building is designed around healthcare delivery and improved health outcomes.

## **Provincial Healthcare Investment**

Foundry BC has expanded from a single pilot site to more than 30 centres open or in development across British Columbia. The Ministry of Health has demonstrated its commitment through a Foundry Operating Agreement, annual development funding, ongoing operational funding, implementation support, and integration into the provincial youth healthcare network. The Province has effectively committed to funding the services; the remaining challenge is development of the physical infrastructure required to deliver them locally.

## **Regional Impact and West Coast Access Points**

Foundry Port Alberni is being developed as a healthcare hub, with regional satellite service in mind. ADAPS and its partners are already collaborating with West Coast communities and establishing Foundry Access Points that improve local access to youth health services while creating stronger connections to the comprehensive services available through

Foundry Port Alberni. This work is laying the foundation for future Foundry-integrated healthcare development throughout the region.

### **Benefits of Capital Investment**

- Earlier intervention and prevention
- Improved access to physical, mental health and substance use health services
- Reduced barriers to care in rural and remote communities
- Better coordination between healthcare providers
- Improved youth and family health outcomes
- Alignment with provincial healthcare priorities
- Leveraging significant provincial operational investment

### **Requested Board Action**

That the Regional District Hospital Board direct staff to work with ADAPS and its partners to pursue a healthcare designation for Foundry Port Alberni, allowing the Board to consider participation in funding the capital costs of the project.

### **Conclusion**

Foundry Port Alberni represents a significant opportunity to strengthen healthcare infrastructure for youth and families throughout the Alberni Valley and West Coast region. Provincial operational funding has been secured. A healthcare designation would allow exploration of how local capital investment could be aligned with substantial provincial commitments to create a lasting healthcare asset for the region.