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Their Worship Megan Knight  
Mayor of the City of White Rock  
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Dear Mayor Knight:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2023, regarding the closure of Buena Vista Lodge. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Buena Vista Lodge is a private, for-profit mental health housing facility and its owner provided written notice to Fraser Health in mid-2022 of their intention to terminate their service contract. Upon notice of termination, Fraser Health met with the owner to propose potential mitigation strategies, however, they indicated that they were firm in their decisions.

Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and BC Housing considered the possibility of leasing the Buena Vista property to provide residential mental health beds, although, based on a further assessment of the building, it was determined that it would require extensive renovations for it to be suitable for the provision of mental health treatment and rehabilitation services, thus it was not considered a viable facility.

With the support of government investments over the past two years, FHA has added 68 new mental health beds to help meet the need for such important services. Additionally, FHA is planning to open a new 10-bed licensed care facility in the Cloverdale area expected to open in June 2023. FHA has communicated with impacted Buena Vista Lodge residents and their families to find alternative housing options. Individual transition plans were developed with residents and their families in July 2022. Fraser Health staff visited clients at Buena Vista on many occasions between July 2022 and April 2023 to provide information and support transition planning.

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In keeping with a person-centered approach, FHA offered alternative housing options in or close to the client's preferred area. Clients and families were able to visit the homes being offered and to speak with the service provider before a decision was made. If the client and family declined the offer, another option was presented. In total, there were ten instances in the transition planning process when residents and families declined a particular program. These residents have now been matched to homes where they agree to move with one client still in the process of determining their decision on the home that was offered.

I very much recognize the urgency of this challenge. The Ministry of Health is monitoring this situation closely and is working with FHA and BC Housing to find alternative housing options for all residents and ensure appropriate support is provided to the residents and families during the transition to new homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Dix', with a stylized, cursive script.

Adrian Dix  
Minister

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