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May 21, 2021

The Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Horgan,

Re: Eurchuk Inquest Recommendations

On May 17, 2021, Saanich Council considered a Report to Council and resolved as follows:

"That Council direct the Mayor to write on behalf of Council to the Premier, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vancouver Island Health Authority calling on them to implement the recommendations from the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Elliot Eurchuk."

On June 27, 2019, a jury certified a Coroner's Inquest into the death of Elliot Eurchuk and made the following recommendations:

Minister of Education:

1. Develop processes for early detection of mental health and substance use disorders within the schools.
2. Develop and implement a plan to transition youth from acute care and addiction treatment facilities to schools.
3. Provide education to students, parents or guardians, teachers and administrators on mental health and substance use disorders.

Minister of Health

4. Develop and implement a plan to transition youth from health care facilities back to community-based services.
5. Streamline and coordinate access to all available youth residential substance use disorder treatment beds and youth mental health care beds within British Columbia.
6. Provide youth with more long term residential substance use disorder treatment facilities throughout British Columbia.

CEO of the Vancouver Island Health Authority

7. Provide youth with long term residential substance use disorder treatment facilities to be located on Vancouver Island.

The opioid crisis does not discriminate between British Columbian communities, a most recent example in the Saanich community being the tragic opioid death of a 12-year-old child.

This letter is meant to express Mayor and Council's support of the Province's full implementation of the above-noted recommendations from the Elliot Euruchuk Inquest.

The [report](#) and meeting minutes can be found [here on the District of Saanich website](#).

Yours truly,



Fred Haynes
Mayor

cc: Saanich Council

The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education – EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Adrian Dix., Minister of Health – HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General – PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

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