



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

May 11, 2022

File No. 0230-20/22

Union of BC Municipalities
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Via email: ubcm@ubcm.ca

Dear UBCM Executive,

Re: Family Physician Crisis in BC

At the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting, the District of Central Saanich Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS British Columbia's system of family physicians is in crisis and it is estimated that close to one million British Columbians – 20 per cent of the population – is without a family doctor and, therefore, without longitudinal care;

AND WHEREAS many senior citizens, people with chronic health concerns, and those requiring prescription refills and regular health check-ups are without a reliable means of care as doctors leave their practices through retirement and for other health care opportunities, walk-in clinics close, and hospital emergency rooms are overwhelmed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the Province of BC to address this crisis with the urgency of any state of emergency and work with Doctors of BC and Divisions of Family Practice throughout British Columbia for a solution that will rebuild the family practice system so that citizens of BC can be confident of having a doctor to call their own.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan Windsor
Mayor

cc: CRD Member Municipalities