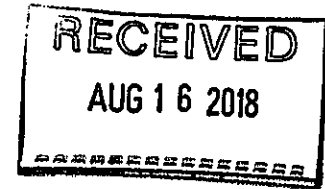




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Barry Morishita  
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Dear Barry Morishita:

Thank you for forwarding AUMA's annual convention resolution regarding the Red Deer Regional Hospital. I know health care is top of mind for people in Red Deer. Local MLAs and I have met with community members to discuss health care needs in the Central Zone.

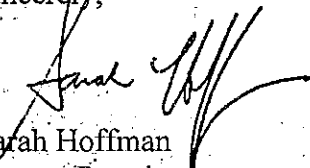
Our government's goal is to work with communities to design and deliver a sustainable, quality health system which makes the best possible use of acute care resources and improves access to community-based care services which will support Albertans to be healthy in their homes and communities.

Albertans depend on getting services close to home – and that is certainly true for the central region of our province. In *Budget 2018*, we listened to the community and committed \$1 million over two years for Red Deer health capital planning. We recognize that the Central Zone needs health capital investments and this funding will help achieve these next steps.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is currently working on a Central Zone Healthcare Plan, a cardiac care roadmap, and a refresh of the Red Deer Regional Hospital Needs Assessment. AHS expects this work to be completed in the coming months. These plans and assessments will form the basis of the business cases for the development of public health care in the Central Zone.

Thank you again for writing and for your advocacy for health care services in Red Deer, the Central Zone, and across the province.

Sincerely,



Sarah Hoffman  
Deputy Premier  
Minister of Health