

September 16, 2025

Mayor xxx
Mayor of *City*
Address

**Subject: Support for UBCM Resolution NEB1 Primary Care Clinic Space**

Dear Mayor xxxxx,

 I am writing to request your support for UBCM Resolution NEB1 Primary Care Clinic Space, adopted by Port Moody Council on June 10, 2025. The resolution calls on municipalities to require clinic-ready space in new developments, similar to provisions for childcare and parks.

Almost every community in BC needs more family doctors and this resolution addresses a barrier currently preventing physicians from opening or expanding practices. Although not endorsed by the UBCM Resolutions Committee, we are seeking to bring it forward for debate at the convention.

Over 700,000 British Columbians don’t have a family doctor. The province’s new payment model has attracted more than 1,000 doctors, but many cannot find affordable, properly configured space to practice. Standard commercial units rarely meet medical requirements, and expensive renovations stand in the way of new or expanding practices. Without appropriate space, physicians can’t provide timely, continuous care that reduces emergency visits, manages chronic conditions, and strengthens community health.

 Family doctors are small business owners who pay for their staff, supplies, equipment and facilities. Municipal planning decisions can ease barriers by ensuring clinic-ready space in new developments. Leveraging this type of municipal tool and supported by provincial investment (such as build-out grants, lease subsidies and other options) family physicians could set up practices more quickly, expand into team-based care and be ready to look after patients a lot faster than is possible now.

I’m asking for your support of this resolution that will help improve access to family doctors, reduce pressure on emergency departments, and strengthen the health of the people in our community.

 Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Dr *name*

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