To: Honourable Terry Lake  
Minister of Health

Re: Fraser Health Authority Review

I am pleased to transmit for your consideration a summary of Working Group DE Report, and the Working Group DE Report resulting from the Fraser Health Authority Review.

The review committee was guided by the Fraser Health Authority Special Directions Regulation which, in addition to a variety of other requirements, instructed the committee to consider the relationship of Fraser Health and neighbouring health authorities in the lower mainland. Specifically, the regulation states:

(d) whether there is duplication or redundancy in the delivery of health programs and services between the board and neighbouring regional health boards;

(e) whether the health needs of the region's population would be met more effectively or efficiently by changing the area of British Columbia that constitutes the region;

In executing the mandate set out in clause (d), the Working Group focused its analysis on duplication and redundancy in select high intensity services (trauma, stroke and cardiac) and on academic health science activities. In its evaluation of regional considerations as described in clause (e), the Working Group sought to explore and understand the health needs and current utilization patterns of patients originating in Fraser Health.

The analysis has resulted in ten recommendations which range from system-level strategic direction to site-specific actions. The recommendations highlight a number of meaningful opportunities for Fraser Health to work collaboratively with Vancouver Coastal and the Provincial Health Services Authority to improve sector planning, and service and program delivery activities. With respect to the issue of boundary changes, the Working Group recommended any potential boundary adjustments be considered in a larger context of service design and structures, and further noted that any contemplation of boundary changes should be initiated by the Ministry, and involve consultation with the appropriate partners.

I look forward to speaking to you about the report, should you have any questions or concerns.

Steve Brown  
Deputy Minister

Enclosures