

HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING - #3

FACT SHEET #3: OPTIONS TO SUSTAIN MEDICAL CLINIC FUNDING

There are several scenarios currently under review to address the sustainability of Medical Clinic funding. There is no necessity to select only one of the avenues - we may consider the use of one or more of the options in concert.

The first task was to review, in detail, the current budget, both the expenditures and the sources of income. The second task was to look at our needs for the future of the operation and to propose an expenditure budget that meets those needs. This may include, but is not limited to, the addition of a part time clinic manager, bookkeeper and/or other new services. These reviews give us the gross amount of income necessary, on an annual basis, to provide Saturna residents, weekenders and visitors with adequate service.

The next step was to take a serious look at the current sources of income and determine the stability and level of risk for each into the future. This allows us to fully understand the gap between proposed expenditures and secure revenue available.

While the committee was dealing with the gap issue, the possibility of securing or increasing the current cash inputs was studied. Options discussed include:

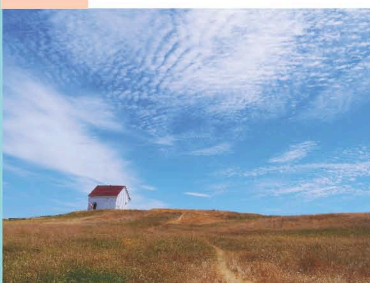
- long-term secure income from the Saturna Community Club
- increased clinic rentals to other health professionals
- donations from service groups or island organizations
- annual revenue from the Saturnina Foundation or other long-term endowment fund
- a tax levy
- the status quo.

After intense study we believe that we may need to look at a portion of the financial needs being met by a property tax that could be put in place with a referendum during the 2018 municipal elections. This would be the foundation for stable funding. The CRD would oversee the referendum, giving every property owner on our island a voice on proceeding with a tax levy for the clinic. A simple majority vote would decide the issue.

The exact amount of annual tax on your property has not as yet been calculated, but would likely fall within the range of \$7 to \$15 per \$100,000 of value for a residential property.

It is time for discussion and expanded idea gathering. Your input is requested.

Saturna Sustainable Health Funding Committee
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