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## Administrator at Summerland Seniors Village extended to January 2021

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SUMMERLAND – Interior Health’s board of directors has extended the temporary appointment of an administrator to oversee the day-to-day operations of Summerland Seniors Village in Summerland to Jan. 15, 2021.

“Ensuring that residents in long-term care facilities are receiving quality, safe and dignified care is our foremost priority,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “I strongly support the decision by the Interior Health board of directors to extend the appointment of the administrator. We will continue to put residents first before any other consideration.”

The Interior Health board reached the decision based on recommendation from Medical Health Officer, Dr. Sue Pollock.

“The board is pleased with the reports of progress towards meeting legislated care standards at Summerland Seniors Village,” said Doug Cochrane, Interior Health board chair. “However, the reports also make clear that the administrator and her team have more work to do to meet our commitment of providing the best possible care to these residents.”

The recommendation to extend the appointment was based on detailed reports from interim site administrator Vanda Urban and Interior Health’s Licensing program.

The administrator is responsible for the operation and management of the care home and supports critical functions including:

- Care planning and delivery;
- Site management;
- Staff recruitment, orientation and education;
- Developing and implementing policies and procedures;
- Overall compliance with the legislated standards of care.

Ms. Urban will remain as the site’s administrator reporting to the IH Board of Directors. She will continue to provide comprehensive leadership of the daily operation and management of the facility.

The IH Board will review the status of the appointment prior to Jan.15, 2021.

Ms. Urban was initially appointed as administrator at Summerland Seniors Village on Feb. 24, 2020 for a period of at least six months, ending Aug. 24, 2020. The appointment by the Board of Directors was based on a recommendation from the IH Medical Health Officer and followed investigation and reporting by the Licensing program.

Summerland Seniors Village is privately owned by West Coast Seniors Housing Management.

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West Coast Seniors Housing Management operates two other long-term care facilities in Interior Health – one in Kamloops and one in Williams Lake. IH does not have similar quality or licensing concerns with these sites.

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