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CALL FOR FURTHER ACTION ON THE HISTORIC SITE APPLICATION

Thank you to all our members who responded to our appeal last Fall by sending a personal letter to Premier Campbell. Although we have not yet succeeded in our ultimate goal of gaining support for the Historic Site application, our campaign definitely got the attention of some decision makers. Christy Clark, BC's new premier, formerly represented the riding of Port Moody. Ms. Clark is familiar with the Riverview Lands and is currently setting directions for her government. Please urge her to support the application at this critical time.

A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION:
The City of Coquitlam has applied to the Federal Government (HSMBC) to have Coquitlam's Riverview Hospital Lands recognized as a National Historic Site. However, the process is stalled because it lacks the approval of the landowners - namely the BC Provincial Government. Please add your personal comments to the letter below and send it to: **Premier Christy Clark,**
PO Box 9041, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC, V8W 9E1
Email: premier@gov.bc.ca

A personal letter, a copy to your MLA, or a letter to the press would make your voice even louder. For more information or an e-mail version of this appeal, go to www.rhcs.org or call 604-290-9910

Date:

Dear Premier Clark,

Congratulations on your election as BC Liberal party leader and Premier of BC. In this role and at this time, you have an opportunity to make a simple decision that will cost nothing and may result in your leaving a gift of major significance to the people of B.C.

I urge you to support the application now before the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) to have Coquitlam's Riverview Hospital Lands recognized as a National Historic Site. The approval process has been put on hold because the HSMBC has been unable to get support for the application from your government, who represent the landowners.

The property has immense historic value but its heritage features are under-used and deteriorating. The provincial hospital located there will be closed within two years. A decision has to be made. As a National Historic Site, Riverview could still serve the needs of the mentally ill as a research, treatment or education facility. The designation would not rule out revenue generating activities and there would likely be federal funds available for maintenance costs. Most importantly, it would ensure that the property remains in public ownership and accessible to all the people of Canada.

On their behalf I implore you to do the right thing and direct your staff to cooperate immediately with the federal board's request to endorse the application.

Full Name: _____ Signature: _____

Phone #: _____ Address: _____