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Subject: Request for the Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation to present to the full RDEK Board on May 8th

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Hello Officer Hlushak,

I am writing to request the opportunity to present at the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) May meeting on May 8th in Cranbrook on **Friday, May 8th**. I first raised our interest with Mayor Gray and he felt it would be a good fit.

We would welcome the chance to share the exciting news about the [Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation](#) (JPC) and outline the benefits it can bring to local communities. I've attached our recent FAQ to provide additional details.

Our objectives for the presentation

- Inform Board members about the support available through the JP Centre to strengthen health systems in RDEK communities
- Respond to questions
- Listen to initial insights that can guide engagement and innovation
- Explore ideas for future collaboration

Our value to RDEK

The JP Centre is an independent organization dedicated to enhancing health systems and fostering innovation across BC. It was co-created by Interior Health and the KGH Foundation, with meaningful input from community and Indigenous partners.

In simple terms, we often describe the Centre as a **“barrier buster”**—a neutral convening space that helps good ideas move forward more quickly.

The Centre was established less than a year ago to accelerate innovative healthcare ideas and turn them into practical, scalable solutions. It provides a collaborative environment for testing, learning, and implementing sustainable improvements that serve the public good.

Our support includes:

- Project development
- Evaluation
- Knowledge mobilization
- Legal and ethical guidance

- Connections to partners and resources that enable sustainable change

Individuals or organizations with ideas or initiatives can connect with the JP Centre directly. We are actively engaging with potential partners and developing communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of our work and opportunities for involvement.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to present and begin a conversation about how we can support innovation and improved health outcomes within the RDEK.

JP Centre CEO Dr. Deanne Taylor and I will present a short PowerPoint followed by questions. We hope to have a conversation relevant to RDEK to identify some next steps toward future potential collaboration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards, Betty

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I work part-time hours. Thank you for your patience if my response is delayed.



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I acknowledge that my work place is within the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Syilx Nation.