

Project Name	Orcas Island Clinic Expansion	Prepared By	Eileen Gottemoeller
Date	7/23/2026	Project No.	73-26121-00
Purpose	Town Hall #1		
Location	In Person - Orcas Center		

Team Members in Attendance

☒ Chris Chord	OIChD Superintendent	☒ Joseph Hines	Project Architect
☒ Trey Holland	OIHCD Board Commissioner	☐ Fernando Sanchez-Montes	Project Manager
☐ Mark Salierno	OIHCD Board President	☒ Eileen Gottemoeller	Healthcare Leader
☒ Geoffrey Hamill	Community Member	☒ Veronica Finney	Interior Designer
☐ David Zoeller	OIHCD Board Commissioner		

Community Feedback & Questions

Attendance

- Approximately 16–17 community members attended.
- QR code shared for giving feedback did not get any responses.

Construction & Phasing

- Access to Physical Therapy be maintained throughout construction
- Request for information regarding contractor laydown areas and construction worker parking.
- Community expressed concerns regarding construction cost escalation and inflation.

Facility Planning

- Community appreciates that the project is an expansion rather than a replacement facility.
- Strong support for refreshing interior finishes.
- Request for a summary of the deficiencies identified in the Master Plan and an explanation of how the current project addresses each gap.
- Confirm that the entire clinic will meet ADA requirements, including:
 - Exam room door hardware/pulls
 - All public and staff restrooms
- Privacy at patient check-in was identified as a significant existing issue and should be a key design priority.
- Questions regarding overall project budget and whether philanthropic funding or grants are being pursued.
- Evaluate inclusion of a family-sized accessible restroom (approximately 90 SF)

Site & Landscape

- Obtain arborist report.
- Preference for native plantings and low-height site lighting.
- Emily Aring (Kabloom Productions – kabloomproductions@gmail.com), whose neighboring business specializes in landscape design/build, expressed interest in participating in discussions regarding landscape integration.
- Community requested incorporation of sustainability principles and low-impact development strategies.
- Continue evaluation of stormwater treatment strategies.

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Request for a traffic study
- Concern regarding accessible parking spaces backing directly onto Deye Lane.
- Request clarification of existing versus proposed parking counts (current target is approximately 60 spaces).

Clinical Services & Operations

- Request to verify that the project's demographic and catchment area assumptions, including pediatric population data, are accurate.
- Community would like to understand which medical specialties are being planned within the expanded clinic.
- Begin development of the preliminary equipment list.

Overall Design Preferences

- Functional, practical, and utilitarian design is preferred. Emphasize a durable, resilient healthcare environment.
- Finishes and lighting should convey a comfortable, welcoming clinical setting rather than a spa or hospitality aesthetic. Multiple attendees specifically stated they do not want a "spa-like" appearance. Prioritize functional lighting solutions throughout the facility.
- Flexibility and long-term adaptability were identified as important project goals. Universal exam rooms to accommodate multiple specialties.