

ST. JOSEPH'S GENERAL HOSPITAL

Committee: Finance

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The Hospital's 2005/06 fiscal year saw your Finance Committee meet eight times. This year's total annual "Operating Budget" was \$57 million. The Hospital ended this fiscal year with a \$456,000 deficit.

At fiscal year-end, the Hospital's total "UNRESTRICTED" deficit (i.e., total debt) stood at \$1,389,910. There is a disturbing continuation of the theme of "under-funding for services rendered" by the hospital. Funding issues around ALC/AAP services, nursing overtime due to over budgeted workloads, and the lack of recognition by the Vancouver Island Health Authority of inflation in all cost centres in our funding envelope are all major drivers of this year's deficit. In this regard, VIHA granted "one-time" funding of \$800,000 in 2005/06.

Your committee continues to have confidence in Michael Pontus and his management team in addressing the many fiscal challenges ahead so as to maintain the quality and availability of health services here at St. Joseph's General Hospital.

Finally, I wish to thank the above mentioned committee directors for their guidance and support during this past challenging year.

July 17, 2006

Greg Osborne
Chair