



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

MINUTES of the regular Board meeting of the Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District held Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at the Regional District Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill.

**Present:** Chair: D. Rushton  
Directors: J. Allen, A. Hory, P. Wainwright, H. Bood, S. Ackland,  
M. Berry, P. Corbett-Labatt (on phone)  
Staff: G. Fletcher-Administrator; M. Tonkin-Recording Secretary;

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:25 pm

**Adoption of Agenda:** 1. Adopt the Agenda  
• Correspondence: 2. Comox Valley Echo Article re: Hospital paid parking.

027/16 It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Delegation:** None

**Minutes:** 2. Minutes of the regular Hospital meeting held June 21, 2016.

028/16 It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District meeting held June 21, 2016 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Bylaws:** None

**Reports:** None

**Correspondence:** 1. Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District letter dated May 18, 2016 regarding paid parking in hospitals.  
2. Comox Valley Echo Article regarding paid parking in hospitals.

*Director Wainwright: I have an issue with this. Why are we paying for staff who work there to park? We went from having this hospital out at a spot on the highway that was accessible to all to one in the community where we have to pay for parking. I am not opposed to paying but there is something wrong with this.*

*Director Bood: The District of Port Hardy has written two letters regarding this. If you live within a community you can take a bus or ride your bike to the hospital but us North Islanders have to use our vehicles to get there for services that are not offered in our areas. There is a huge benefit to the area when we go down there (ie. restaurants and hotels).*

*Director Ackland: North Island College backs the new hospital. How do you add a cost of parking to students and not charge a physician? I don't believe in the cost of parking. It's not appropriate for us to be paying for staff to park.*

*Director Rushton: I would gladly pay for parking if there was a different set-up. Now*

*you have to find parking, walk to the ticket booth, walk back to your car to put the ticket on then back into the hospital. For some that is a lot of walking.*

*Director Soltau: This is just another service charge. Your operating budget shouldn't be funded by parking.*

*Director Berry: I would like to know what private area is going to run the paid parking service.*

*Director Corbett-Labatt: In Port Hardy we don't want to charge more to ur residents. There is an assistance program that we thought we could have paid parking on their as well. Maybe all towns could get together and suggest this?*

*Director Ackland: Maybe we could get input from large corporations that would fund parking spots that are paid?*

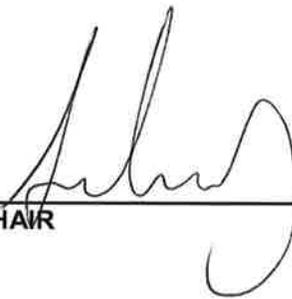
**Adjourn:**  
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It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:36pm.

**CARRIED**

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**SECRETARY**

  
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**CHAIR**