



## MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT April 21, 2020 Minutes

Following the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors Meeting  
Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Present: In person: Andrew Hory (Chair)  
Via Zoom: Directors Dennis Dugas, Kevin Cameron, Janet Dorward, Rod Sherrell,  
Gaby Wickstrom  
Teleconf: Sandra Daniels, James Furney  
Regrets: None  
Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher  
Via Zoom: Angela Smith, Nicole McDowell  
Media: None  
Public: None

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER**  
No.

**Time 3:57 PM**

*The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.*

### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of April 21, 2020 MWRHD Meeting Agenda.

019/2020 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the April 21, 2020 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

### **B. DELEGATIONS - NONE**

### **C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held March 17, 2020.

020/2020 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the March 17, 2020 MWRHD Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

### **D. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

### **E. REPORTS - NONE**

### **F. BYLAWS - NONE**

### **G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE**

## H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS

1. Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator Report regarding the Health Network's role in addressing issues arising from the Pandemic. (April 21, 2020)

*Also noted:*

- *For any solution, first try to support existing networks and systems.*
- *Transportation:*
  - *VTN has their kilometers covered.*
  - *Currently going to Woss and Port Alice twice per week.*
  - *Inquiries through organizations, such as BC 211, of Seniors asking for additional support who are already engaged in the system...there is transportation and options for remote and rural communities.*
  - *Health Network is working with MWTO to find more volunteers for delivery.*
  - *Port Hardy is short on volunteers; we have a bus can potentially do large scale deliveries, if warranted.*
  - *MWTO has good protocol in place to keep drivers/volunteers safe.*
- *Communication:*
  - *Did a re-boot of Mount Waddington Health Network website:*
    - *In response to need for community members to find one spot to find COVID-19 & comprehensive resources, in one place: [www.mwhn.ca](http://www.mwhn.ca)*
    - *Website includes Federal and Provincial Government resources and local.*
- *EOC is working in conjunction with the Health Network and Island Health to look at a community billboard model to:*
  - *Provide information to marginalized people and those who do not have access to Internet.*
  - *Using billboards for information about accessing mental health, primary service providers, food supply, programs & other reasons*
  - *Can use mind mapping to figure out where to go for help.*
  - *Potential to see if NIEFS etc can be open, keeping staff safe, and still provide essential services to people.*
  - *As communities, encourage to look around and see how we can give assistance in getting people online.*
- *Food Security is where people feel most threatened:*
  - *People can't access food if they can't afford it, or can't get out to get it.*
  - *In Alert Bay, there were reports that the groceries are in short supply.*
    - *Whe-la-la-U Area Council has good resource in place for food distribution.*
  - *Loaves and Fishes truck comes to Port Hardy every week. One week they serve the public, then on alternate week, they serve other organizations to then re-distribute to people.*
  - *Looking for summer students and volunteers to help with distributing food.*
  - *Working with Harvest Food Bank.*
- *Mental Health:*
  - *Challenges noted; have modified services.*
  - *Now contacted once a week for 30 minutes.*
  - *Service is being given online.*
  - *There are issues with privacy.*
  - *Safe Spaces Program (ie: Applying for EI but actually receiving counselling)*
- *Housing situation in dire straits for marginalized people:*
  - *Looking at what other towns are doing.*
  - *Some places using a Barrack-type situation...people who weren't showing symptoms, could go there.*


- *Looking at substance abuse during COVID-19:*
  - *People are sharing their resources... alcohol is their medicine... some of the cluster outbreaks aren't due to "socializing" its how they manage their addictions.*
  - *Compassion and understanding needed: challenging for everyone*
- *Working with RCMP to help seniors not fall into scams, etc.*
  - *Going to need medium and long term planning.*
  - *\$3,000 secured for seniors 'keep in touch' (KIT) program*
    - *Calling seniors to see how they are doing.*
- *Town Hall Meeting with Claire Trevena; link available on website.*
  
- *Board thanked the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator for all her work; she will pass the sentiment along to the Health Network.*
- *Health Network Coordinator thanked the front line workers.*

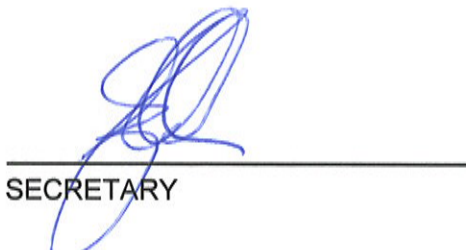
021/2020 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator Report (April 21, 2020) be received and filed.

I. **NEXT MEETING** – May 19, 2020 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

022/2020 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:34 PM**

  
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CHAIR

  
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SECRETARY