



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT October 20, 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), Sandra Daniels, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom
Via Zoom: Directors Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas,
James Furney

Regrets: None

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Nadine Weldon, MW Health Network Coordinator-Angela Smith

Media: None

Public: Alternate John Tidbury

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER** **Time 4:08 PM**
No. *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 October 20, 2020 MWRHD Meeting Agenda.

048/2020 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the October 20, 2020 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as as amended to include a discussion about the closure of the Port McNeill Medical Clinic.

B. DELEGATIONS – NONE

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held September 15, 2020.

049/2020 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the September 15, 2020 MWRHD Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

E. REPORTS – None

F. BYLAWS - NONE

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS: Verbal report from Coordinator Angela Smith**
 - o **COVID:**
 - *Social service providers feel confident in their ability to handle the 2nd wave*
 - *Flu clinics are going on in each community, provided by Island Health. There were some concerns over who could volunteer, but that seems to have been resolved. At this time, the vaccines are subject to availability*
 - *Wellness First Committee will be held November 2 via zoom, and all municipalities are encouraged to attend to see what is happening within the various working groups their communities*
 - *Poverty Reduction Strategy RFP – working towards setting regional goals, and following some of the strategies and best practices already done by other Regional Districts*
 - *It is hoped to start a homelessness count in early 2021.*

- SEBLAC
 - The communication update project has been moving forward in a positive manner with all communities working well together, including the “keeping in touch” program and how to keep seniors safe.
 - Looking to have a lead in each community for the Community Response Network.
- Health Services Communication
 - Exploring and using feedback loops are being reviewed
- Food Security:
 - It has been identified the need for weekly food runs and ensuring that not just one person is tasked with this for all communities
- Child & Youth Committee:
 - In the due diligence and capital planning stage of the Foundry Program
 - Looking at possible gaps in the youth employment and skills training
- Literacy:
 - There is currently a regional focus on the impact of “displaced workers” and how it’s affecting the communities
- Communication:
 - Acolades received from the Rural Coordination Centre of BC for the grassroots work being done in the region through the Health Network umbrella. Health Network has been invited to participate in the communication pilot project in 2021/22.
- Film Project:
 - Would like to launch some social media shorts for the key determinants of health. Looking for some independent film makers
- Energy Poverty:
 - Seniors are the most impacted, but are having trouble accessing assistance
- Operational Health Issues:
 - Staffing continues to be the largest issue with health services. Island Health is working on this, including trying to provide incentives for additional staff
 - This has become acute in Port McNeill due to physician shortage.

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050/2020 THAT the verbal report from Angela Smith – Health Network Coordinator be received and filed

H. OTHER BUSINESS –

- Closure of the Port McNeill Medical Clinic
 - Gaby Wickstrom has sent a letter to VIHA asking that the resolution of the Port McNeill Clinic closure issues be made a priority.
 - The Port McNeill clinic is run as an independent business; which unfortunately makes it more lucrative for a doctor to go to Port Hardy then Port McNeill; Island Health are reviewing options to address this problem.

I. NEXT MEETING – November 17, 2020 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

051/2020 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Time 4:36 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY