



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

February 16, 2021 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), Rod Sherrell
Via Zoom: Directors Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Sandra Daniels, Janet Dorward,
Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Gaby Wickstron

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher
Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Nicole McDowell, Angela Smith

Media: None

Public: None

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **Time 3:24 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 February 16, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Agenda as amended.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

006/2021 THAT the February 16, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

B. DELEGATIONS – NONE

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held January 19, 2021.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

007/2021 THAT the January 19, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Vancouver Island Health Authority – Capital Funding Request. *Also Noted:*
 - *Concern that there appears to be operational projects included in the Capital Funding Request.*
 - *This funding request was not included in the 3 year budget previously provided.*
 - *Concern that VIHA is not exploring the possibility of repair, instead of replacing items due to calendar age.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

008/2021 THAT the Vancouver Island Capital Funding Request be approved in the amount of 2%, with possible increase following a discussion for clarification on items in question.

2. Strathcona Regional District – Bylaw No. 389 – Short Term Accommodation For Patients and Family Members requiring services at Campbell River Hospital. *Also noted:*
 - *That the Strathcona Regional District has used this bylaw to establish funding for a "home away from home" adult accommodations for visitors to the Campbell River Hospitals as presented to the Board in February 2020 and July, 2019; the MWRD*

had agreed in principal to support this initiative that would be funded by a similar RDMW bylaw

009/2021 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT Strathcona Regional District – Bylaw No. 389 – Short Term Accommodation For Patients and Family Members requiring services at Campbell River Hospital be received and filed.

E. REPORTS - None

F. BYLAWS - NONE

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS:

1. Verbal Report from Angela Smith – Health Network Coordinator

- *Rolling along with large projects:*
 - *Health services communications for Seniors*
 - *Working with BC Rural Centre and Rural Coordination Centre for BC, will be putting one project into the platform (Placespeak) as an initial use model.*
 - *Discussions and fielding phone calls around loss of physicians in Port McNeill.*
 - *Community Health Forum may be of assistance, as it could include representatives from all areas of the North Island, including First Nations, Industry, unions and the public. As well, it would be an area to provide education all round.*
 - *Dr. Armegan has advised that due to the funding model in Port McNeill it is hard to attract and retain physicians in Port McNeill.*
- *Mayor Wickstrom: Advised that the announcements have been made public, and the Town of Port McNeill has been in discussion with VIHA as well as Minister Dix, and Minister Osborne.*
 - *Representatives from the Town of Port McNeill will be meeting with Dr. Williams, as well as meetings with Dr. Granger Avery to explore ideas that would provide long term solutions.*
 - *At this time, short term solutions being explored include locums in the interim.*
- *Greg Fletcher: The last funding model that VIHA reviewed was the Novotone report, which did not take into account remote communities (Woss, Guildford Island) and the travel time/expense incurred by patients if they don't have access to physicians in their communities; Angela agreed to post a link of the Health Network website.*
 - *'Namgis First Nation is available to meet on either of the following days, Thursday the 18th after 4 or Friday the 19th after 4 to discuss how to move forward with the limited physician care available.; Friday after 4 was preferred by several directors.*

010/2021 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the Health Network Coordinator report be received and filed

2. Mount Waddington Health Network Minutes – February 3, 2021

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

011/2021 THAT the February 3, 2021 Mount Waddington Health Minutes be received and filed

I. OTHER BUSINESS – None

J. NEXT MEETING – March 16, 2021 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

Time 4:09 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY