



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## August 17, 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), Dennis Buchanan, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom  
Via Zoom: Directors Sandra Daniels, James Furney

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator

Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary; Nicole McDowell, Receptionist; Angela Smith, Health Network Coordinator; Max Jajszczok – VIHA Executive Director

Media: None

Public: None

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 4:20 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

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

048/2021 THAT the August 17, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

### B. DELEGATIONS – NONE

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held July 20, 2021.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

049/2021 THAT the July 20, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

### D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Audit Findings Report
2. 2020 Audited Financial Statements

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

050/2021 THAT the 2020 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Chan, Nowasad, Boates be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

### E. REPORTS

1. Max Jajszczok – VIHA Executive Director

- Just wanted to send out a thank you and share how appreciated VIHA is with the support received from the Regional District around COVID works and the purchase of the Port McNeill Clinic. The Clinic has several project managers working collaboratively

to ensure that the clinic has a full primary care emr system. The goal is to have this building up and running as quickly as possible, and to move the staff from the temporary location.

- Definitely finding recruitment a challenge, including the North Island. Are working on developing a "shared net" for recruitment on the North Island.
- Have added a new lead position – Manager of Indigenous Health.
- VIHA is going to a triad leader model
- Additional staff have been hired for the North Island which will provide relief for current staff.
- Significant amount of growth generally, and anticipate that the census will provide important information for optimal utilization of resources, and allow for creation of long term strategies.
- There is a strategy in the works for future staffing for health care and would like to be included in housing discussions. Island Health has leased residences for locum and travel nurses and are currently looking for more.
- Would like to also get input into how the corridors of care are working for Mount Waddington and what would some suggestions be to make this both easier and more effective for both VIHA and the people of the North Island.
- Discussions are in the early stages around possible mobile for Mount Waddington, including MRI and X-Ray. This is still very early in the development stages. But there is definitely an understanding that this is a strong need on the North Island.
- VIHA has plans to meet with physicians in rural and remote areas in the fall to discuss what funding and remuneration models would work best for them and their communities.

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THAT the VIHA Executive Director verbal report be received and filed

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**F. BYLAWS - None**

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS:**

Health Coordinator Angela Smith:

- Health Conference is set for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 to start at 8:00am to 3:00pm, currently finalizing the agenda, and will be addressing a number of regional issues at the conference and touching on projects finished over the last few months.
- Sessions will include an intro on the future of primary health care and acute health care, truth and reconciliation, as well as Island Good for food sustainability and the progress on the Port Hardy Foundry. There will be a website set up by the end of the week for people to review and sign up for participation.
- Additional reports will also be provided including the substance and abuse program, and homelessness and housing.
- Nice to have you here at the meeting Max, and happy to continue dialogue with around coinciding issues.

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053/2021 THAT the Health Network Coordinator verbal report be received and filed

**I. OTHER BUSINESS – None**

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**NEXT MEETING** – September 21, 2021 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:47 PM**

CHAIR

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SECRETARY

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