



## MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

### September 21, 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), Sandra Daniels, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom

Via Zoom: Directors Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, 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 3:39 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**

055/2021 THAT the September 21, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

#### B. DELEGATIONS – NONE

#### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held August 17, 2021.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

056/2021 THAT the August 17, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

#### D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

#### E. REPORTS

1. Max Jajszczok – VIHA Executive Director

- *The Port McNeill Clinic is operational, the temporary clinic has moved over to the Campbell Road address.*
- *An offer has been made for a clinic lead and a posting has been listed for a manager. The clinic lead will be working with both of the Primary Care centres (Port Hardy and Port McNeill). The end goal is to create a Primary Care network that would interlink with both First Nations Health Authority and include the Primary Care networks for Campbell River and the Comox Valley.*
- *Dr. Anas Toweir started this month at the Port McNeill Primary Care Centre. Additionally, VIHA plans to fill both locums, as well as Return of Service physicians (international graduates who complete a three year term at a community placement), for August 2022.*
- *Anticipate 2 more positions will be made available for Port McNeill by August 2022.*

- *Dr. Armogam will continue his practice out of the Primary Care Centre*
- *The plan going forward is focused on the operations side*
- *VIHA is aware of the long wait times to see a physician currently and are working to alleviate this.*
- *The renovations to the clinic building are ongoing, but delays are happening due to supply issues associated with the COVID pandemic.*
- *Physicians at the Primary Care Centres for both Port McNeill and Port Hardy work on a fee for service basis.*
- *The future planning includes discussion with the physicians in the Regional District to ensure support towards a more collaborative approach for all members of the health care teams in our region.*
- *It is acknowledged that development discussions need to include health staff, local governments, First Nations, and public input. Work is currently under way to determine the best way to structure discussions that would ensure everyone has a voice at the table.*
- *There are 2 electronic medical records that VIHA uses. There is IHealth, for acute care/urgent care which is set up at the Port McNeill Clinic and currently being set up in Port Alice). The second system is Telus Solution, which is designed for primary care and is family physician friendly.*
- *Biggest risk that VIHA is looking at for the next 5 to 10 years is human resources and filling positions, specifically around diagnostics and lab technicians.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

057/2021 THAT the VIHA Executive Director verbal report be received and filed

#### **F. BYLAWS - None**

#### **G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

#### **H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS:**

*Health Coordinator Angela Smith:*

- *Coming up to Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30, there will be a lunch and learn session with Shelly Joseph on September 29 around this.*
- *Kickoff for strategic planning for the next two years for the culture and inclusion committee that will be starting in January 2022.*
- *Substance use and recovery service plan is in it's final edit stage and it is anticipated that it will be released October 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> in advance of the October 14 Lunch and Learn session on that matter.*
- *Lunch and Learn sessions are planned weekly for Thursdays to allow people to attend and learn what the Health Network does.*
- *Asset mapping project has taken a collaborative turn, 'Namgis First Nation has indicated that they are interested in this project which will allow the project to take on a broader scope. This will also be helpful, as the Plan H funding request was denied. The Health Network has committed a modest sum of money towards this project but will have to have a detailed plan ready before further discussions can happen.*
- *Housing Project Review with the Housing Group is set for September 28, this will include finalizing the budget, job description, deliverables, the outcomes for the housing coalition. The report will be provided to Regional councils, along with a resource package of the past work for review and discussion.*
- *Service Needs Estimation: This is ready in draft form, and Island Health is using the data collected, as well as couple of other service agencies. The one outcome of the housing and homelessness count was that it is mostly centered around Port Hardy, that was where most of the respondents were. This will be repeated every two years and in order*

to ensure all communities have a realistic count, will have to find some strong advocates in each community area.

- On the Health Network Database front, there are a lot of changes in Health Services, including shifting of physicians, which have led to discussions about how to ensure the databases are current, best uses, and putting together an annual strategy for keeping the directory up to date and ensuring engagement from members of the Health Network.
- CRN has increased their Health Network funding to \$5,000 annually.
- As noted by Max Jajszczok – VIHA Executive Director, lack of staffing is a definite risk to facilities, this is being exacerbated due to the pandemic issues.
- Mount Waddington Family Literacy Society has multiple projects on the go, including literacy program, displaced worker program, and a digital literacy program.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

058/2021 THAT the Health Network Coordinator verbal report be received and filed.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS – None**

**NEXT MEETING** – October 19, 2021 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:17 PM**

  
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CHAIR

  
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