



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

December 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, Rod Sherrell, see RDMW
Via Zoom: Directors Kevin Cameron, Janet Dorward, James Furney, Gaby Wickstrom, Pat Corbett- Labatt (Alt)

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator

Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary; Nicole McDowell, Receptionist; Max Jajszczok, VIHA Executive Director, John Tidbury (Alt. Port Hardy Director)

Media: None

Public:

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:52 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**

067/2021 THAT the December 21, 2021 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

B. DELEGATIONS – NONE

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held November 16, 2021.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

068/2021 THAT the November 16, 2021 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

E. REPORTS

Report from Max Jajszczok:

- *Issues for staffing for acute care sites for Island Health is ongoing due to the COVID pandemic which caused a lot of people to retire early. This is being compounded by other provinces and staffing contractors offering very large financial incentives for staff. There is more risk now of having a temporary closure at one of the sites than ever before, especially concerning the last week of December.*
- *Any closure location would be dependent upon where staff are available.*
- *Any patients that are in the hospital that is closed would be moved to the other hospital until staffing could be reinstated.*
- *Past practice of moving staff from Campbell River and Comox on temporary basis is not readily available currently due to both holiday and pandemic fatigue.*

- *It is hoped that once we get into 2022, staffing will stabilize, although this may be an issue as we get closer to the next large holiday, i.e.: Easter, spring break.*
- *VIHA did receive a large funding boost, which will allow additional permanent full time positions on the North Island.*
- *If a hospital closure is planned, VIHA will advise ahead of time as far as possible.*

069/2021 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the VIHA Executive Director verbal report be received and filed.

Health Network Report from CHN Chair Pat Corbett-Labatt for Angela Smith:

- *Seniors' tea was very successful and well attended. Made use of the VTN bus, which was facilitated by Mary Mavis.*
- *Table of Partners meeting was held in person, thank you to all the board members who attended. The Substance Use and Recovery plan, the Housing Report and The Housing Needs and Strategy Reports have been bound and will be provided for review.*
- *Health Network will be having a strategic planning meeting in January.*
- *Health Network met with Alison Mitchell and the new clinical director. Look forward to working with her.*
- *Pat did discuss the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator contract with Angela, and Angela indicated that she would be willing to continue on in that capacity.*
- *Pat would like to see a revision to the contract to include a COLA rate, at the same rate as the Regional District of Mount Waddington managers.*
- *The Health Network has a healthy reserve and therefore see no issue with adding in the COLA to the contract.*
- *It was noted that the current contractor is probably working more than 20hours per week, and there is concern that she is being undervalued. This would require further discussion as funding is set by Island Health.*
- *It was requested that this matter be brought forth to the Personnel Committee.*

070/2021 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the Health Network Coordinator Contract, with COLA, be renewed with Angela Smith for the term of January 1 to December 31, 2022.

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS

1. Renewal of Health Network Coordinator Contract with Angela Smith

071/2021 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the Health Network Coordinator Contract be forwarded to the Personnel Committee for further consideration.

CHN Chair Pat Corbett- Labatt will be invited to attend.

I. OTHER BUSINESS - None

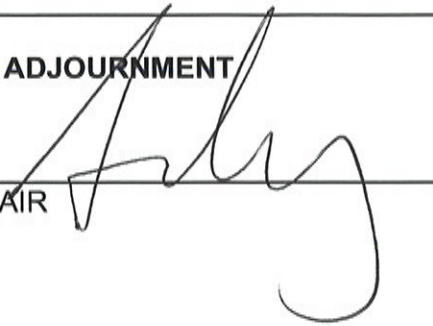
NEXT MEETING – January 18, 2022 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

Time 4:22 PM

CHAIR

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SECRETARY

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