



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## March 15, 2022 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  
Via Zoom: Directors Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Shelley Downey (Alt), James Furney, Nicole Bennet-Boutilier, Lesly Deuchar, Angela Smith, Dean Wilson

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator

Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary; Nicole McDowell, Receptionist

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:36 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

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

009/2022 THAT the March 15, 2022 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

### B. DELEGATIONS – NONE

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held February 15, 2022.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

010/2022 THAT the February 15, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

### D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

### E. REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: Review of the Island Health Minor Capital Report Project List and funding request.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

011/2022 THAT the letter from Vancouver Island Health Authority be received and filed.

2. VIHA Verbal Report Presented by:

- Recruiting continues to be the number 1 struggle, across all care provider positions. VIHA is looking at the possibility of having internal staff mobile working, to move from hospital to hospital as needed.
- Doing intensive work with Indigenous communities, as well as with people who live locally are being approached for recruitment.
- Happy to report that there will be two new doctors coming to the North Island in August, as well as a physician that has previously worked on the North Island who will be returning in the summer. The two new doctors will be here initially on a two-

year return to service contract, but it is hoped that they will decide to stay on. There will also be a locum who will be coming up for 5 months (May to August).

- Lot of work being done re: pre-hospital transport. Patient transport via ambulance has been strained, but going forward, work will commence with BC Emergency Health System to determine how to move forward and make this more efficient. This will include a focus group that will be looking at the entire system as a whole.
- Work at the clinic continues to be around standardization and clinical governance between the two clinics (Port Hardy and Port McNeill), as the goal is to be able to have the physicians work at both clinics.
- Discussion around issues with centralized hiring on the North Island and how the process can be better streamlined.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

012/2022 THAT the VIHA Verbal report be received and filed.

3. Angela Smith – Health Network Coordinator

a. 2022 Draft Budget

- Overview of the Draft Budget
- Funding of \$80,000 is received annually from Island Health for Core work. There are significant funds still available from the legacy funds that were received in 2012.
- The Health Network Coordinator budget has been increased from \$55,000 to \$70,000 annually, which provides incentive for retention. This is very important, as the level of work required is high and several other Health Networks on the Island are having issues hiring and/or keeping Health Network Coordinators due to lack of funding for full time work.
- Have decreased budget funding to committees without firm goals and have allocated more funds to committees and programs that are active.
- Some legacy funds have been allocated to the Substance Abuse and Recovery Services Plan.
- Wellness First Budget has been allocated \$7,000, which includes honoraria for people with lived experience, printing of materials, greater communication outreach digitally and in newspaper ads and allocation of funds for support projects and administration.
- Food Security has been flagged as an increased issue, so the budget funding for this has been increased.
- Culture and Inclusion Committee has been paused so that guidance can be shared from VIHA and First Nations communities so that this can be shared amongst all the members of the Health Network.
- Housing Coalition has a \$30,000 budget put together which will include a 6 point housing strategy, presentations to council and possibly seeking external funding for additional support. (there has been approximately \$70,000 spent over the last four years).
- Other Line Item include, Seniors, Child and Youth Committee, Health Services Communication

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

013/2022 THAT the Mount Waddington Health Network Draft Budget Overview be received and filed.

**F. BYLAWS**

1. Bylaw No. 108, Cited as "Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Plan 2022-2026, Bylaw No. 108, 2022" for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

014/2022 THAT Bylaw No. 108, Cited as "Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Plan 2022-2026, Bylaw No. 108, 2022 receive 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

1. Bylaw No. 108, Cited as "Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Plan 2022-2026, Bylaw No. 108, 2022" for adoption.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

015/2022 THAT Bylaw No. 108, Cited as "Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Plan 2022-2026, Bylaw No. 108, 2022 be adopted.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS**

**I. OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING** – April 19, 2022 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:20 PM**

CHAIR

SECRETARY