



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator
Via Zoom: Angela Smith, Nicole McDowell, Reception

Guests via Zoom: Lesly Deuchar, VIHA, Max Jajszczok, VIHA

Resolution
No.

CALL TO ORDER Time 4:23 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**

021/2022 THAT the May 17, 2022 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

B. DELEGATIONS – None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held April 19, 2022.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

022/2022 THAT the April 19, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

E. REPORTS

1. Lesly Deuchar – VIHA Triad Leadership Member

- *Physician recruitment is going well, anticipate that there will be three new physicians on the North Island by the summer.*
- *Challenges are ongoing with hospital staffing, which include emergency room closures.*
- *Work on communication and community education are high on the list of items going forth with VIHA.*
- *The triad team has been having some purposeful engagement with evening meetings with various health care teams, having honest communication about what is working, challenges and possible avenues of moving forward in a positive manner. The general takeaway is that all the teams want to provide a continuous level of service to the community to ensure both physical and mental health for all.*

- *Cultural safety work is ongoing as this has been recognized that this is another area where there is the opportunity to do better. It is being broken down into physician, nursing/front line and ancillary groups, working on multipronged approaches. Ensuring that conversations are happening, focusing on when things don't go well and looking at how to ensure that learning is continuous.*
- *Security resources have been increased, and currently there is analysis of when and where are the highest needs for additional security presence.*
- *Thank you to Lesly from James Furney for following up on the hiring issues that occurred with newly graduated local nurses who were unable to find work on the North Island.*
- *James Furney: Non-vaccinated nurses – is there any light at the end of the tunnel to get these career people back into the hospital? Lesly advised that she doesn't have any information around this.*
- *Dennis Buchanan: Will RN training be moved from teaching schools to the hospital? Lesly: This is an ongoing conversation as this may allow for better staff retention by training people currently living here. This is still in the conversation stage only, including chats with North Island College but the benefits have been discussed as this is very positive option.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

023/2022

THAT the verbal report from Island be received and filed.

2. Angela Smith – Health Network Coordinator

- *Expressed appreciation across the region for the funding support for the housing coalition. This project is ongoing, including a draft request for proposals that will be going to out key staff in each community who are going to participate on the steering committee. The final RFP's will be going out the following week. There are four strong proponents in the communities that have expressed interest to date.*
- *The Health Network is focusing on operational aspects of the strategic plan,*
 - *Seniors are meeting every two months, including input from CRN and working the University of Victoria using Canconnect, which is a seniors digital literacy program, using tablets that allow for facetime. Have approximately 23 units in use currently.*
 - *Child and Youth Committee will be holding an appreciation lunch for service providers. This is an opportunity to have everyone come together. This will also allow additional inclusion of SD85 into these discussions.*
 - *Lot of time is being dedicated to the Wellness First Committee with the focus on the strategic communication plan to discuss substance use and service provision in the region.*
 - *With the improving weather, more people are out and about, which includes seeing more public intoxication. There are some ideas surrounding support models for people and substance issues.*
 - *Transportation Needs Assessment was initially done in 2020. This was brought back to Wellness First, with two subsequent meetings that have seen updates to the initial assessment, long term goals and feasibility.*
- *Outside of the Health Network there is some Poverty Reduction work being done in the region, as well as work done by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District around poverty reduction. The Health Network will be following this.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

023/2022

THAT the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator report be received and filed.

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS - None

I. OTHER BUSINESS - None

NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2022 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

024/2022

J. ADJOURNMENT

Time 4:45 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY