



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## July 19, 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, James Furney, Rod Sherrell, Alternate Shelley Downey

Via Zoom: Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator

Via Zoom: Angela Smith, Nicole McDowell, Reception, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary

Guests via Zoom: None

### Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:45 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**

028/2022 THAT the July 19, 2022 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved as amended to include a draft RDMW "Home Away from Home" bylaw.

#### **B. DELEGATIONS – None**

#### **C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held June 21, 2022.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

029/2022 THAT the June 21, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

#### **D. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

#### **E. REPORTS**

1. Angela Smith – Health Network Coordinator

- *Ongoing conversations around attraction and retention with Island Health are being revisited.*

- *There was a meeting this week which included Angela Smith, Mount Waddington Health Network, Max Jajszczok, VIHA, Megan Hanacek Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator, RDMW and Gaby Wickstrom, Mayor of the Town of Port McNeill*

- *Issues surrounding differences between union nurses and agency nurses and the limitations that come with union work, including differences in remuneration, flexibility of both scheduling and options of work locations.*
- *Although the structure has been put in place to hire an additional nurse, VIHA has not been able to fill this position yet.*
- *The chronic lack of ambulance staff, especially if someone is diverted, is a huge red flag*

- *There needs to be further clarity around understanding the Island Health current strategy of bringing in staff, including the 2-, 5- and 10-year plans.*
  - *It was discussed the need for the Island Health strategies to include connection with community resources, perhaps hiring someone to promote and navigate information of living on the North Island.*
  - *VIHA is very aware that the staffing crisis and inability to meet the needs of the community are escalating, but a solution has yet to be found.*
  - *It appears that one of the issues may be the rate of pay for local nurses is not commiserate with that provided for agency nurses given the activities and professional knowledge required for the positions that need to be filled.*
  - *Is there any incentive for local nurses to stay? Bonuses, flexible schedules? Having the option to work only in one community instead of travelling?*
  - *There has been an increase in violence towards service providers, especially in Port Hardy. This is another reason that staffing issues are ongoing.*
- *Foundry*
    - *The interim location is ready to apply to the District of Port Hardy for its building permits.*
    - *There will be a donation recognition later this month, including recognizing the \$400,000 grant from the Children's Health Foundation, a private donation of \$400,000 as well as the \$80,000 donation in kind from the Lemare Group/Dutcyvich Family of property and legal/administrative assistance.*
    - *Construction is anticipated to start mid-August. Outreach Lead Christine will be working on this.*
    - *There will also be a large fund-raising campaign starting in the fall.*
    - *Anticipate service provision at the interim site to start in October/November 2022.*
  - *Housing Needs Assessment Coalition Coordinator*
    - *RFP had three strong candidates and will have someone in that position soon.*
    - *Have been working closely with Greg Fletcher and June Kwon at the Regional District using the iMap system, which provides property information and can be overlaid with census data, which will allow a high level of definition of what is available for land and resources. This information can then be presented to each community with current data as well as the ability to project 5 – 10 years.*
    - *Working on what stage 2 and 3 will look like and ensuring that this project keeps moving forward, inclusive of planning cycles, funding sources and working with developers.*
    - *Will be working through August and September to create a draft 1 year workplan for the new coordinator.*

030/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
 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 –**

1. Draft version of the Home Away from Home Bylaw for review and discussion
  - *Impromptu meeting with David Leitch of Strathcona Regional District. There was discussion of follow up on the promise of funding for the Home Away from Home Service which would provide free short-term accommodation for North Island residents who have to travel for health care in Campbell River, as well as emergency service accommodation for short term use within the Regional District.*
  - *This bylaw would provide ongoing funding for these services, and hopefully the housing coordinator will be able to provide coordination for this.*
  - *This would require a counter-petition process, including submission to the Ministry for approval.*
  - *A transit connection is an additional service that will also be explored and coordinated with Strathcona Regional District.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

031/2022 THAT the Home Away from Home draft bylaw be referred to the Regional District for first reading after it has gone to the Health Network executive for review.

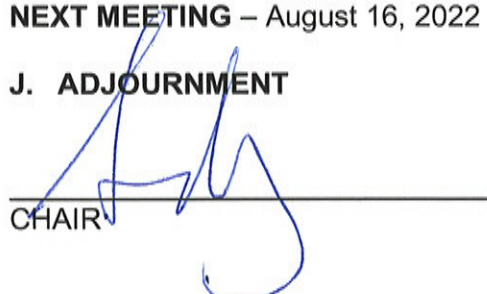
**NEXT MEETING** – August 16, 2022 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:40 PM**

CHAIR



SECRETARY

