



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## August 16, 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, Dennis Buchanan, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom  
Via Zoom: Kevin Cameron, Lesly Deuchar Island Health, Max Jajszczok, Island Health

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator  
Via Zoom: Angela Smith, Nicole McDowell, Reception, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary,

Guests via Zoom: John Tidbury

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 4:28 PM**  
No. *The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.*

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
033/2022 THAT the August 16, 2022 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

### B. DELEGATIONS – None

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
034/2022 THAT the July 19, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

### D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

### E. REPORTS

1. Lesly Deuchar, Max Jajszczok – VIHA
  - *Thank you to all from the Regional District and Health Network for assisting with the staff housing situation. All housing needs have currently been met.*
  - *Agency staff has been very helpful in covering vacation time*
  - *There is still a shortage for staff, which unfortunately is resulting in unavoidable ER closures.*
  - *Cormorant Island ER has been closed since August 1 for overnight use. Unable to maintain consistent agency contracts for this facility. There is definitely an appetite to look at service models that may work better for this facility*
  - *There will be two new physicians to the Port McNeill Clinic, with an eye to having them participate in staffing both the Port Hardy and Port McNeill clinics.*
  - *Chair Hory advised that notification around the ER closures and diversion are not consistently be provided to first responders and the public. Sometimes notification is only provided by a note on the door at the Emergency Room entrance.*
  - *Lesly advised that communication issues are being addressed, however there is also the issue of last-minute sick call, overfilled emergency rooms and higher than anticipated load levels.*

- *If there is a planned emergency department closure, planning starts at 2:00pm to ensure that patients' needs are safely met, this can include keeping staff on overtime, or in the event of a longer-term closure, patients could be moved to Campbell River.*
- *Transfer of the Port McNeill Health Clinic from the Regional District to Island Health is in the works, but the discussions are ongoing.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

035/2022 THAT the Island Health report be received and filed.

**2. Angela Smith – Health Network Coordinator**

- *Introduction of Kyla Lee, the new coordinator for the Mount Waddington Housing Coalition, under the direction of the Mount Waddington Health Network.*
- *Kyla is from Sointula, with good business and administration background, and is able to be flexible with work schedule.*
- *Angela and Kyla have done quite a few hours of onboarding.*
- *Project Proposed timeline for 1 year (August 2022 to August 2023) has been prepared. This includes contact information and mandates for same (including privacy parameters)*
- *This was done as its own entity, as this may allow for possible grant and funding opportunities later.*
- *2022 Summer start up will focus on communication strategies and systems.*
- *The fall will include database development as well as research for community profile updates, what type of housing is needed in each community, continuity planning and opportunity scanning.*
- *Transportation Needs Assessment is ongoing and will be reviewed to ensure that all challenges are noted.*
- *The Recovery Services strategy is ongoing, including working on increasing communication and understanding of substance use and recovery. This will be brought forward at the next board meeting.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

036/2022 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** – September 20, 2022 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

037/2022 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:51 PM**

CHAIR

SECRETARY