



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## October 18, 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, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom, Lesly Deuchar Island Health

Via Zoom: Kevin Cameron, James Furney

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

Resolution  
No.

### **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:04 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**

043/2022 THAT the October 18, 2022 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

### **B. DELEGATIONS – None**

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

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held September 20, 2022.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

044/2022 THAT the September 20, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

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

### **E. REPORTS**

1. Lesly Deuchar: VIHA

- An offer has been extended for the Rural Retention Coordinator. Once this has been confirmed, a name will be provided. All the candidates were local, strong and very engaged.
- Staffing challenges have not gotten better, continue to struggle with nursing shortages. Have contracted with nine (9) new staffing agencies. Hopeful that this will provide some relief.
- Also looking at longer contracts, preferential approaches for returning nurses
- Physician workforce has also hit a wall as well, this is also high on the priority list. This includes engaging locum physicians to alleviate the pressure of the current physicians in the area.
- An Area Health Summit is set for November 7 and November 8, 2022. This is going to be a facilitated meeting aimed at developing a consensus development process, which would include collaborative service delivery, retention and recruiter work. Agenda is under development.
- Care aide contracts have just been ratified which included a significant retroactive wage increase.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

045/2022 THAT the Island Health verbal report be received and filed.

2. Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator

- The Health Network would like to issue a sincere thank you to all the elected officials who contributed their time and expertise to the conversation on health and wellness and the support you've shown the Mount Waddington Health Network for the relatively new methods of engagement, research and projects over the past four years.
- In general, across the Island, the Mount Waddington Health Network is leaps and bounds ahead of others re: grassroots connection. This was strongly facilitated by everyone coming to the table with open minds and unique perspectives.
- Work that has happened with the support of this board include:
  - o Advancements in the field of substance use and recovery services and forming a strategy around that
  - o 2019 Housing Strategy and the 2020 Housing Assessment
  - o The formation of a Housing Coalition
  - o A Mount Waddington Food Hub, currently in the initial stages, including core funding from United Way in the amount of \$100,000.00
  - o Launch of a direct Foundry
- All this work has seen an increased engagement and connections with Indigenous Health agencies in the region. Although there are still a lot of years to go, the movement forward is strong.
- From the past four years of engagement with Seniors Committees, local groups, surveys etc., this has led to work being done on a proposal for a Regional Seniors Coordinator.
- There will be an RFP launching this month for the Transportation sector and this brings together the Health Network and Transportation Committee.
- The Annual Health Forum is tentatively earmarked for April 2023.
- There will be holiday get togethers the last week of November in Port McNeill. Invitations will be sent out for that.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

046/2022 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** – November 15, 2022 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

047/2022 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 3:23 PM**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY