



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## January 17, 2023 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), James Furney, David Summers, Kathryn Wykes  
Via Zoom: Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas  
Staff: Via Zoom: Nicole McDowell, Reception, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary  
Presenters: Lesly Deuchar, Max Jajszczok

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER Time 4:36 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**  
001/2023 THAT the January 17, 2023 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

### B. DELEGATIONS – None

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held December 20, 2023.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
002/2023 THAT the December 20, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

### D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

### E. REPORTS

#### VIHA:

- *Access to Emergency Department care is now being scheduled. Community members and Emergency Hospital Staff have been very receptive to this. This has also provided clarity for front line staff.*
- *Phase 2 of the Port McNeill Clinic renovations will start this year.*
- *The new recruitment and retention manager is working hard, networking and feeling very positive, especially around the meetings she has attended to date.*
- *Work continues around physician recruitment. There is a new physician in Port Hardy who started late in November, with an additional physician to start in Port Hardy by September 2023.*
- *New electronic medical record project that is going to start ramping up right away, which will allow physicians better access when working outside their area.*
- *The discussion around Physician Assistants is ongoing, however, one of the challenges is that currently in BC there is not a licensing body, so they are not allowed to practice in BC. This is an ongoing matter and VIHA is very invested in the progression of this form of health care, as well as continuing support of physicians in the Mount Waddington region.*
- *One of the pieces for enhancing of nursing staff is partnering with other health authorities. VIHA has partnered with Northern Health to utilize staff from their travelling nurse program.*
- *Operationally, VIHA is providing more hours than historically, looking at about 12.5% increase of the operational budget.*