



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT January 17, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

Following the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors Meeting
Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82479733124?pwd=OGdLc09vemt4Ym5sQVY0M3NobIM2QT09>

Page **CALL TO ORDER**

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of January 17, 2023 MWRHD Meeting Agenda as Presented (Or amended)

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

This meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'waka speaking peoples

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 2-4. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held December 20, 2022, as Presented (Or amended)

D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

E. REPORTS

1. VIHA Verbal Report
2. Health Network Coordinator Report

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING – February 21, 2023

J. ADJOURNMENT



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

December 20, 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), 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: Nicole Bennet-Boutilier, Lesly Deuchar, Angela Smith, Dean Wilson

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER** Time 3:52 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**

052/2022 THAT the December 20, 2022 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

B. DELEGATIONS – None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held November 15, 2022.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

053/2022 THAT the November 15, 2022 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE - None

E. REPORTS

VIHA:

- Health Summit was held in November in Port Hardy, which
 - o Was sponsored by the Rural RCC of BC
 - Centered around how to create sustainability and predictability around health services.
 - Working on ED closure scheduling and working with Ministry of Health on that.
 - o Staffing issues are ongoing in all acute facilities. Working on locum physician, nursing, and lab tech recruitment.
 - o Hayley McConnell is the new recruitment coordinator, and she is working diligently to create a network and recruitment options.
 - o Indigenous Health now has a 2nd Indigenous Permanent Nurse Practitioner, Alex Lumley. He has purchased a home already and is prepared to stay for the long term. There are currently discussions with Vancouver Island Health Authority around sharing resources in the challenging staffing times.
 - o On the provincial level, there have been some pretty significant changes to the physician funding model to attract physicians outside of BC which, it is hoped that this will provide support of not only attraction, but also retention.
 - o Recruitment work is ongoing, and there has been a match using PRABC (Physician Readiness Assessment of BC) Program, he is geared to start in Port Hardy in September 2023.

- UBC Return of Service program delivery is also in discussion with the Ministry of Health with respect to how that program is being delivered.
- There is continuing work on the Physician Assistant angle. Physician Assistants work in both clinics and hospitals. They are currently federally regulated but are not yet recognized by the Province of BC. Both Rachel Blaney and Michele Babchuk have provided support for this.
- Wishing everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and great New Year.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

054/2022 THAT the VIHA verbal report be received as presented.

Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator: Angela Smith

- Joining today from the traditional territories of the Kwak'waka Peoples of the Kwakiutl, and 'Namgis territories.
- Providing a review of the Health Network Mandate
 - Island Health funds 8 Community Health Networks on Vancouver Island
 - Each Health Network is a grassroots organization and works to the specific needs of the communities that they serve.
 - The current annual funding amount from VIHA is \$80,000.00 and this amount has been the same for many years.
 - Primary focus is advocacy to assist with and enhance programs and services that influence public policy, including the 12 key determinants of health.
 - The Health Network does not get involved in operational decisions, manage patient complaints, or provide grant/funding to distinct organizations.
 - There are currently 8 separate committees under the umbrella of the Health Network Table of Partners, including a culture and inclusion advisory group.
 - 2020-2022 Accomplishments include, but are not limited to
 - Managed Alcohol Consumption Program
 - Foundry
 - Seniors & Elders Advisory Initiatives
 - Food Security including a food hub program
 - Housing Coalition:
 - There is a homeless count being run in Port Hardy in cooperation with partners in Port Hardy. This will be sent to the BC Housing Inclusion.
 - Kyla is continuing to do work on the community profiles and opportunity scans. In 2023 she will start the Community and Stakeholder engagement.
 - Links to both BC Rent Bank and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) was sent out to community administrators and all the Indigenous communities.
 - Wellness First is the most active committee currently
 - Health Services Communication Plan is a work in progress in order to most effectively reach the community. These will be shared with Island Health.
 - Working with the Collaborative Services Committee with Island Health

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

055/2022 That the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator report be received and filed.

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS

- *From the "In Camera" discussion earlier today, the Health Network Coordinator contract with Angela Smith be renewed.*

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- *Island Health did a comprehensive review of the Health Network this year, with respect to the Health Network model and funding. If there was an opportunity to advocate for the Mount Waddington Health Network, that would be great.*
 - o *That the amount of time being dedicated to this position be reviewed and to look at increasing the hours.*
 - o *That Island Health be advised of the extensive work and advocacy that the Health Network Coordinator and the Health Network as a whole.*
 - o *There are also hundreds of thousands of dollars of “in kind” contributions from all the communities to provide assistance with the various committees of the Health Network.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

056/2022 THAT the Health Network Coordinator contract with Angela Smith be renewed for the term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – January 17, 2023 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

057/2022 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Time 4:23 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY