



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## November 21, 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), Dennis Buchanan, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Michelle Pottage, Kathryn Wykes  
Via Zoom: Kevin Cameron  
Staff: Via Zoom: Nicole McDowell, Recording Secretary  
Public: John Tidbury

### Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:38 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**

042/2023 THAT the November 21, 2023 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

#### **B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

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

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held October 17, 2023.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

043/2023 THAT the October 17, 2023 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

#### **D. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Request for Support

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

044/2023 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors provide a letter of support directed to Health Minister Dix for the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District...(as per agenda)

#### **E. REPORTS**

- VIHA (Lesly Deuchar, Ian Wood)
  - o *New physician in Port Hardy, working both the Primary Care Centre and the emergency department.*
  - o *The CT Scanner has arrived at the Port Hardy hospital. It still requires accreditation, but it is hoped to start scans around December 6, 2023. It will be a slow start while they work out the bugs. There is a new local tech. They will start CT's without contrast to start. The current schedule is 5 weeks in Port Hardy and then 7 weeks in Victoria.*
  - o *Looking at engagement talks sometime in January, but no definitive dates at this time.*
  - o *There has been engagement with Island Health staff that live and work in the region. This information has been sent to the capital planning team.*

- *Another midwife will be starting in January 2024. She will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> midwife in the area. Her partner is completing her nursing and is anticipated that she will join the Island Health team on the North Island once her schooling is complete.*
- *Nurses are moving from the east coast and Ontario due to better wages. There will be some waits due to backlog for licensing.*
- *Recruitment/retention for the North Island and Rural/remote areas has necessitated specialized training for nurses. Participants will receive 6 months of specialized training and will require 2 years of service. This is a pilot project initially and has the potential to increase staffing for emergency departments. This training is accredited across Canada, and the Canadian Nursing Association.*
- *Currently the RN specialty practicum program is a paid practicum, but currently the lab practicum is not a paid position.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

045/2023 THAT the Island Health Report be received and filed.

- Health Network:

- *New executive has been appointed for the Health Network*
- *The Terms of Reference have been updated (last done in 2017)*
- *Poll done with the Table of Partners was done to move the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.*
- *The Community Developer position has been posted by Island Health. At this time, its not clear how this conduit is going to unfold. The Island Health Network Coordinators as a whole have sent a letter to Island Health Authority asking for clarification on this position and the salary around this position as funding is always a need for the Health Networks programming and partners.*
- *Relationship building ongoing.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

THAT the Health Network Coordinator Report be received and filed.

**Additional:**

BC Ambulance has announced that they are going back to a Kilo model, which is an on call only at a rate of \$12.00/hour while on call. This is not a living wage and will make it difficult to attract and retain ambulance attendants for the community and island as a whole.

**Director Pottage:**

- Requesting a letter of support to the Minister of Health for a mixed shift model for BC Ambulance to ensure that Ambulance services can continue on Malcolm Island.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington provide a letter of Support for a mixed shift model for BC Ambulance on Malcolm Island.

**F. BYLAWS – None****G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None****H. HEALTH NETWORK BUSINESS - None**

**NEXT MEETING** – December 21, 2023 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:10 PM**

CHAIR

SECRETARY