



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

January 16, 2024 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 (left the meeting at 4:55pm), Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Michelle Pottage, David Summers, Kathryn Wykes
Via Zoom: Kevin Cameron
Staff: Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary
Public: Ian Wood, Island Health

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER Time 4:20 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**
001/2024 THAT the January 16, 2024 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held December 19, 2023.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
002/2024 THAT the December 19, 2023 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

E. REPORTS –

- VIHA (Lesly Deuchar via Zoom, Ian Wood in person)
 - o The Regional Emergency Education Program for RN's is being offered as part of the onboarding process. This is the first one for Island Health, 2nd one in the Province and the 2nd one for Canada. For this six-month training, there is a 18 month return of service required.
 - o This has been a great recruitment initiative. This is a pilot and will end in September currently. The course has a total of 4 per program. If this goes well, this will be extended through entire Island Health with a focus being towards rural communities. At this time, the majority of training is being done in Port Hardy. The ER renovations for Port McNeill and Port Hardy will not disrupt the training. The preceptors are also looking at a course from Island Health to improve their preceptor skills as well.
 - o The CT will be staying a little longer than initially anticipated, it will be in Port Hardy until January 28 and returning March 11. The high volume of use has been great.
 - o Currently there is no plans for the mobile MRI from Port Alberni but may be something to look into.
 - o There are 2 new physicians to start in Port Hardy. These physicians will be here for 3 years on a return of service contract. As we expand, taking into consideration the need for space for working will be looked at.

- Looking forward to the January 31 community engagement and anticipate that this will be similar to the last format. The content is currently being put together. It will include information on the Port McNeill Primary Health Care Centre.
- Are working on filling the vacant Primary Care Management position.
- Some of the barriers to 24/7 for the ER departments are the lack of lab technicians and other support services. Island Health is aware of this and is actively working to find solutions for this.
- It is anticipated that 2024 is going to be a positive year with lots of progress.
- There are currently plans to build temporary housing for Island Health in Port Hardy.

Thank you from Director Summers for working to get the doctor office back to Woss.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

003/2024 THAT the Island Health Report be received and filed.

- Health Network (Marjorie Greensides)
 - Happy New Year to all
 - The Executive Committee is working towards the budget and annual goals. Will be brought forward for the Finance Committee meeting in February.
 - Community Health Networks met this month and are working towards raising the baseline for all Health Networks, if approved, this would mean the base funding would go from \$80,000 to \$120,000 annually. It has now gone to the Province for approval.
 - All the VIHA Community Developers have been hired, with Leslie Dyck who will be the coordinator for the North Island. The position responsibilities will be evolving and is meant to be a support for the Health Network, and what a specific Health Network needs are.
 - What is the future of the housing report? Are there plans for this going forward?
 - At the last ToPp meeting, Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre received the transportation contract for the Wheels for Wellness.

Director Hory: At this time, no firm plans have been made and the size of the report being 800 pages, it is going to have to be divided up into small sections for better actionability.

Director Dugas: Feel the report was well done, the next step will need to be to determine who is going to be responsible for the work needed, how will this be funded and what would the realistic timelines be.

Director Corbett-Labatt: The information was incredibly helpful, and the report provided valuable information.

CAO David Kim: The report is great, but there needs to be definite clarification of where funding is coming from, what the expectations are, how and who will do this work. This is an ongoing project that is going to require benchmarking.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

004/2024 THAT the Health Network Coordinator Report be received and filed.

F. BYLAWS – None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

NEXT MEETING – February 20, 2024 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

005/2024

H. ADJOURNMENT

Time 4:59 PM

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER