



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

March 19, 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, Kevin Cameron, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Michelle Pottage, Brent Schmidt alternate for Kathryn Wykes
Via Zoom: Dave Summers, Ian Wood, Marjorie Greensides,
Staff: Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary
Public:

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:26 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**
013/2024 THAT the March 19, 2024 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held February 20, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
014/2024 THAT the February 20, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

E. REPORTS –

1. VIHA (Ian Wood)
 - *Island Health has set up an emergency operations centre in collaboration with First Nations Health Authority, ongoing meetings with First Nations to determine next steps. An Expression of Interest was also sent out, although there hasn't been an explicit ask as to the roles of these people.*
 - *A new manager, Shane Thomas, started 7 days ago. He will be working with Ian and the acute care sites to start and working towards some primary care work as well.*
 - *Stantec will be contracted to do the modernization & renovation work for both sites. Information will be sent out to the communities once final decisions have been confirmed.*
 - *Full staffing coverage during spring break was successful.*
 - *A new RN will be starting in Port McNeill in April and there will be two new grads who will work in both Port McNeill and Port Hardy, with a potential third new grad who is currently doing their practical on the North Island.*
 - *In House Emergency Department Training program will graduate two staff in August. This makes emergency room department staffing stronger. This is to create a fallback in the event that a member of staff calls and is unable to come in for their shift.*

- *Eagle Ridge Manor has been successful in fully recruiting for LPN lines. These LPN's are versed in acute care, which allows the ability to flex between acute care and long term care facility.*
- *Two physicians are here and will start in the emergency department in Port Hardy this weekend.*
- *A drug testing communication was sent out to the MWRHD Directors with a link to the VIHA website.*
- *There will be a harm reduction day in Port Hardy at the Civic Centre on March 27, 2024. This is designed to break down stigma and provide information and education for all. There will also be naloxone training at this presentation.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

015/2024 THAT the Island Health Report be received and filed.

2. Health Network (Marjorie Greensides)

- o *Attended the Mount Waddington Literacy Fair on March 2. There were approximately 174 people, which provided an excellent opportunity to share information. The Health Network table provided seeds for wellness that could be planted.*
- o *Held the first in person Table of Partners meeting on March 13 in Port Hardy. The first time in 3 years, with good attendance. Some of the learnings were to extend the day and incorporate additional engagement and capacity building activities.*
- o *There will be Spring Tea on Saturday, April 20 in Port Alice. Buses will be running from Port Hardy and Port McNeill. The Port McNeill bus will line up with the ferry for both Alert Bay and Sointula.*
- o *The Housing Survey for housing insecurity will start at the end of March, the team is currently pulling together (this will be the same team that has been doing this over the last few years and will also engage using the same methodology). Would like to maintain the data in one central area for all to access the findings.*
- o *Further to discussion with Dennis around housing, Marjorie has started pulling small batches of information to make it more accessible to people and a little less overwhelming. This will allow the ability to have more inclusive discussions.*
- o *Still moving forward with the Wellness Fair aiming for late May, early June. While attending a Health and Community meeting in Port Hardy, there was a discussion regarding the Wellness Fair today, very productive day. There was some interest from those around the Table of Partners as well as some First Nations groups who are interested in participating. Staying connected and Information sharing will be two aspects covered. The Wellness Fair may become a full day or two-day format to facilitate the potential capacity.*
- o *Will be attending AVICC, representing the Health Networks for the Island.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

016/2024 THAT the Health Network Coordinator Report be received and filed.

F. BYLAWS

1. Bylaw No. 110, cited as the "Mount Waddington Hospital District Financial Plan Bylaw No. 110, 2024 for adoption.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

017/2024 THAT Bylaw No. 110, cited as the "Mount Waddington Hospital District Financial Plan Bylaw No. 110, 2024 be adopted.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

NEXT MEETING – April 16, 2024 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Time 3:44 PM

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER