



# MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## April 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), Kevin Cameron, Michelle Pottage, Dave Summers, John Tidbury, Alternate for Dennis Dugas, Shelley Downey, Alternate for James Furney, Brent Schmidt Alternate for Kathryn Wykes  
Via Zoom: Pat Corbett-Labatt  
Staff: Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary  
Public: Lesley Dyck

### Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:29 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**

019/2024 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 March 19, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

020/2024 THAT the March 19, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

#### **D. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

#### **E. REPORTS –**

1. VIHA (Ian Wood)

- *How to handle drought and lack of water preparation and training is ongoing at various sites, which includes possible scenarios around the increased risk of fire. This training is ongoing as these types of issues create a high level of stress on the teams.*
- *Completed a Code Silver training (when people enter a facility with a weapon) with staff.*
- *Building renovation works are ongoing. Anticipate shovels in the ground for fall of 2024. Communication will be out well ahead of time to ensure communities are aware of where to access services once construction work begins.*
- *Both new doctors have started in the emergency room in Port Hardy and the Port Hardy primary care centre.*
- *Service Planning will start in Cormorant Island on May 18. This will be in conjunction with 'Namgis First Nation.*
- *Island Health stood down the EOC, both VIHA and FNHA have hired coordinators. With the continued concern of toxic drugs this will be ongoing work.*
- *Have been successful obtaining 3-4 new grads who will be coming up in June.*
- *The pilot project being provided at the Port Hardy Emergency Department has seen interest from outside sources and is working well.*

- Question from Director Pottage: The physician/lab booking process in Malcolm Island was drastically changed as of April 2. The new process is creating a lot of stress for residents, especially for the aging senior residents. Advocating for better funding for administration. Ian Wood advised he would get the information to the appropriate parties.
- Question from Director Tidbury: There is a lack of after-hours transportation between the Port Hardy & Port McNeill emergency rooms currently. Director Corbett-Labatt was involved in a meeting with the VIHA Board. Ian Wood advised that this discussion was held earlier today and is being investigated.
- Question from Director Tidbury: Transportation for non-emergency visits down Island. Ian Wood is waiting for the schedule from the transportation team and will update as soon as possible.
- Question from Director Downey: With the hire of new grads, will there be a reduction in the number of agency nurses? Ian Wood: Once the grads have the specified training for emergency training the need for agency nurses will be reviewed.
- Question from Coordinator Greensides: At this time, there is no system that will get patients further than Comox. This still leaves a large hole, as well as a lack of understanding and coordination around services and how to access services. Would like to have representation from Mount Waddington Transportation Network and First Nations Health for these discussions.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

021/2024 THAT the Island Health Report be received and filed.

2. Health Network (Marjorie Greensides)

- Has the Regional District ever applied for funding around rural transit solutions?
- Thank you, Ian, for your contributions and spreading of the word
- With all the grief and hardships happening, it's also important to note that social service providers also need support in dealing with all that they do. It is hoped that the World Class Wellness Forum will provide assistance. There are going to be a variety of workshops, for both service providers and the public.
- The unhoused survey is going all well, midpoint check in happening in Port Hardy on April 17.
- Still working on consolidating the housing report for review.
- Spring Tea on April 20 is sold out.
- Attended the AVICC, which was great as it was the first in person meeting with other Vancouver Island Health Coordinators. Also spent time with the Vancouver Island Health Network Lead.
- Would like to give a shout out to the Board for your support of the ongoing work within the Health Network and your work in the region.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

022/2024 THAT the Health Network Coordinator Report be received and filed.

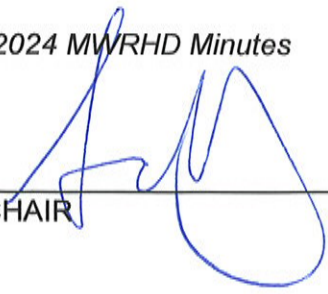
**F. BYLAWS - None**

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

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

023/2024 **H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 3:55 PM**



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CHAIR



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER