



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

June 18, 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, David Summers, Kathryn Wykes

Staff: David Kim, CAO, Shayla Burnham, Executive Assistant
Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary

Public: Ian Woods – VIHA, John Tidbury

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER** Time 3:21PM

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**

034/2024 THAT the June 18, 2024 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held May 21, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

035/2024 THAT the May 21, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

E. REPORTS

1. VIHA (Ian Woods)

- *3 new physicians have been recruited for Port McNeill Primary Care and will be in place in over the next five months. This will assist with Dr. O'Connell's leaving to relocate to Campbell River.*
- *2 new nurse practitioner students who worked on the North Island last year and are now certified have been recruited. One will be staying long term. The 2nd is looking at episodic practice, so work will be ongoing to find a fit for her.*
- *Have also hired another RN who is certified to prescribe medications and perform testing diagnostics. They will be working mostly in Primary Care.*
- *Looking at bringing a modular in for the Primary care that will provide an additional 4-5 rooms until renovations are completed. This will be a temporary addition.*
- *With the addition of staff, housing is getting tight. Someone has been assigned to assist with long term housing, including possible purchases.*
- *The staff housing construction is ongoing, including the housing site being prepped behind Save-On-Foods in Port Hardy. The preference is that this housing is for staff who commit to long term placement on the North Island.*
- *Community Health Services are currently located within the Port Hardy Hospital, but the goal is to find them their own space to free up areas in the Hospital.*

- There has been a lot of interest from new grads for RN's and student nurses. This has morphed into 3 new RN graduates hired for the North Island. The plan is to have all of them take emergency trauma training that is scheduled for March 2025.
- The long term care facility (Eagle Ridge Manor) just had their annual review and passed with flying colours.
- There is still some work ongoing from the crisis line that was set up as part of the EOC in conjunction with First Nations. The plan is to have this line in place for as long as it's deemed necessary.
- Ian has set up Jodie Wright to assist with supplies and be the VIHA point of contact at the Woss Clinic. David Summers sends his appreciation.
- David Summers advised that he had an accident that required an emergency room visit. Staff were fantastic, and it was a great experience.
- 2 New physicians at the Port Hardy Primary, as well as an internal medicine doctor who will be providing specialized service including liver service. This will be part-time for the time being.
- No update on the CT Scan contrast. Will update as soon as there is additional information.
- 1.5 RN's have been hired for Alert Bay (one is not emergency room trained, so only .5). There has been interest from an additional 3 individuals.
- Service Work mapping was done last week with the 'Namgis First Nation which showed where challenges need to be addressed. It's about creating resources and collaboration.
- There are two ESN nurses going through emergency training right now.
- Agency nursing levels are constantly changing, so unable to provide an accurate number that is currently employed now.
- The discrepancy of staff between Port McNeill and Port Hardy may be due to the push by Port McNeill residents to create additional living spaces. The housing shortage is a significant challenge.
- Pretty excited about what the renovation to sites are going to look like, will share as soon as possible.
- Many of the board members of VIHA will be on the North Island early July and anticipate that there will be significant communications from this visit.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

036/2024 THAT the Island Health Report be received and filed.

2. Health Network (Marjorie Greensides)

- Began the grant proposal as previously discussed around transportation. Met with Deana at Sacred Wolfe who is happy to join and assist with this.
- Thank you to both Lesly Dyck and Patty Smedley for assistance with the World Café Wellness Fair. This is 2 phase, one for service providers and the other section for the public.
- Working at consolidating the Housing Report that was originally presented by Angela Smith and Kyla Lee.
- Community Health Network Learning Day is tentatively scheduled for the 1st of October.
- 82% of the followers of the Mount Waddington Health Network are female, with 60% from Port Hardy. Alert Bay has the lowest engagement. Additional work will be focused on outlying community engagement

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

037/2023 THAT the Health Network Coordinator Report be received and filed.

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

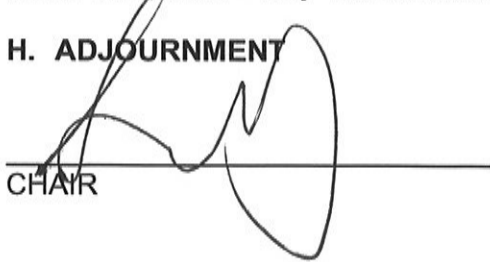
NEXT MEETING – July 16, 2024 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Time 3:49 PM

CHAIR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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