



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

September 3, 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, Pat Corbett-Labatt, James Furney, David Summers, Brent Schmidt (Alternate for Kathryn Wykes), John Tidbury (alternate for Dennis Dugas)

Zoom: Kevin Cameron, Michelle Pottage

Staff: David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer

Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary, Nicole McDowell, Administrative Assistant

Public:

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:47 PM**

No. *The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.*

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

042/2024 THAT the September 3, 2024 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held July 16, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

043/2024 THAT the July 16, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

E. REPORTS

VIHA: Ian Wood, Dave Boychuk

- *Welcoming three (3) new physicians to Port McNeill who will be working in both the primary care and hospital.*
- *In House Emergency Department program has had it's first 2 graduates. They will be working in Port Hardy and Port McNeill. Additional intakes are ongoing.*
- *Island Health, Interior Health and Northern Health have created a working group to discuss how to create In House Emergency Department training in other Health Authorities.*
- *New Medical Director – Dr. Evan Rogers is working diligently in his new role. It is hoped that there will be increased services in Port Hardy and Cormorant Island.*
- *CT Contrast scan has been discussed with the medical imaging leads, have been advised that this is not currently on the table due to staff and training concerns.*
- *VIHA Housing is experiencing some geotechnical issues but anticipate it will be back on schedule in the spring of 2025.*
- *Currently, Cormorant Island does not have a full complement of physicians, Island Health is working diligently towards rectifying this.*

- *In order to get to Port Hardy emergency department 24/7 there would need to be 10-12 ED trained nurses. Currently, Port Hardy has 4. VIHA is working to ensure that the emergency department is open as much as possible by moving staff to ensure appropriate coverage.*
- *The lab in Port Hardy will see an increase in service with the addition of another lab tech to assist with point of care testing.*
- *One of the biggest issues with lab services is the definitive shortage of lab techs within BC. VIHA is currently discussing the possibility of a remote lab tech who could read lab results.*
- *There are job opportunities for a full-time physiotherapist for the North Island.*
- *There is the possibility of getting specialty psychiatric nurses or rn's with mental health training in Port McNeill, this is in the infancy stage at this time.*
- *Still in the detailed engineering and planning stage of the new emergency room departments as part of the funding provided by the Province earlier this year.*
- *Public Health will be moving from Primary Care clinic at Port McNeill. Public Health in Port McNeill will be moving to a new modular building for the current time but are still actively looking for space in Port Hardy, as the current location is not conducive for clients and staff. Ian would be happy to discuss with anyone who has suggestions for locations in Port Hardy.*

Questions:

- *Chair Hory has requested that the contrast CT scan be pushed as a priority due to travel requirements.*
- *Mayor Buchanan is concerned about the lack of communication between the lab and the doctor's office. Patients are attending the lab to be told that their appointment has been canceled, but the doctor's office had not been advised and the doctor's office were trying to schedule additional lab work.*

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

NEXT MEETING – October 15, 2024 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Time 4:07 PM

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER