



## MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT November 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: Chair: Andrew Hory

In Person: Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Kathryn Wykes

Zoom: Kevin Cameron, Dennis Buchanan, Michelle Pottage

Staff: David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer

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

Public: Leslie Dyck

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 3:26 PM**

No. *The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwakwaka'wakw.*

### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

048/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

### B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held October 15, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

049/2024 THAT the October 15, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

### D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

### E. REPORTS

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

050/2024 THAT the 2023 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Statements be approved as presented and further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign.

#### **VIHA: Dave Boychuk and Ian Wood**

- *Essential services planning for the all the sites, including with the Unions.*
- *One of the big items that came out of the last BCNU was the nurse-to-patient ratio. Island Health is one of the first to begin the implementation of these recommendations.*
- *Design phase works are ongoing for both Port Hardy and Port McNeill. Port Hardy is almost ready to go with work with the architect.*
- *Three new positions in Port McNeill, with positive feedback on their work. Interest has been expressed to see them doing some outreach and remote work*
- *Another physician will be joining Port Hardy in the spring. Dr. Daos has worked on the North Island previously.*
- *There has been an influx of applicants for long term care, community health services, and allied mental health workers. Interviews are ongoing.*
- *There is also an ongoing interview process for a full-time physiotherapist for the North Island.*

- Employee engagement surveys are being conducted to provide feedback to ensure teams are feeling heard and supported.
- VIHA is working diligently to bring services back to 24/7 services to all health centres.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

051/2024 THAT the VIHA verbal report be received and filed.

**F. BYLAWS - None**

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**COMMENTS:**

*Director Corbett-Labatt: I would just like to go on record about how happy I am that Dr. Daos is coming back to the North Island in a role that she is so well suited for. I have also heard that there may be the potential for another female doctor to come up in the spring.*

*Ian Wood, VIHA: I will follow up, I am not involved those discussions, but will certainly strive to gather additional information about this.*

*Director Hory: We appreciate the updates and certainly benefit from the efforts you guys are making. We certainly appreciate that it is difficult, so we take your comments that you are not giving up in stride. Looking at the complexity of the health needs across the region, it's appreciated that you would think to make the comment that you are still working on things.*

**NEXT MEETING** – December 17, 2024 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 3:37 PM**

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER