



## MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT December 17, 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 4:18 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**

053/2024 THAT the December 17, 2024 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

### B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held November 19, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

054/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

### D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

### E. REPORTS

#### **VIHA: Lesly Deuchar**

- *Been supporting teams to ensure stable service delivery at all sites. Typical operational challenge at this time of year*
- *Planning is ongoing on the renovation and modernization of the Port Hardy site. Anticipate more updates in early 2025.*
- *Portables have been brought to Port McNeill to provide additional work space for the primary care teams and public health.*
- *There was a debrief with the staff around the big cyclone bomb storm.*
- *Rural voices gathering occurred. It was supported by RCC BC, and will be providing a report back out to communities. Looking forward to hearing feedback from this.*
- *Primary Care optimization is still a priority from the government and will be partnered with First Nations Health Authority. Strengthening will bring better continuity in approach in services.*
- *The new Health Minister has advised that rural health will be prioritized. VIHA is excited about this from a service delivery perspective.*
- *Director Summers: Thank you for the ongoing support of the Woss Clinic with personnel and supplies.*
- *Chair Hory: there is some concern around Electronic records. From personal experience, there were issues between local EMR and services in the lower mainland.*

- o VIHA currently runs a Telus EMR. Conversations are starting to create a template to ensure each door is the right door and to ensure that everything works seamlessly.
- Director Corbett-Labatt: A resident reached out re: their experience with taking a family member to Victoria. The Victoria hospital advised that they were unable to provide immediate care as Port McNeill hospital doesn't have EMR. Also, a friend had to go to Victoria from Comox for a pacemaker via an ambulance. The friend's partner was told that they would be brought back to Comox hospital from Victoria. Staff at the Victoria hospital advised that this would not be the case and that the patient and partner (who were without a vehicle due to going in the ambulance) were discharged from Victoria hospital with no assistance to get back to Comox.
- Currently, nurses still chart on paper island wide.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

055/2024 THAT the VIHA verbal report be received and filed.

**Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator: Marjorie Greensides**

- SEABLAC luncheon was held on November 25 with attendees from all communities except Woss. Great discussion all round.
- Main focus of the new funding for the Health Network will be receiving in 2025 will be strategic planning, revitalization. Will be putting a lot of focus into the Annual Forum and Strategic Guidance gathering. This gathering has been scheduled for February 12, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm which will focus on strategic work and networking. Where does the community want to see the focus, what should be the direction? Hoping for a fair number of participants to ensure a wide array of discussions.
- November 25, 2024 the Transportation Committee Meeting was held and there was a discussion around non-emergent transport. As none of the local companies bid on the RFP, there are transport and taxi companies from down island who have now been contracted to do this. Have met with the Island Health Logistics Team for the North Island, discussion centered around non-emergent travel as well as how to support island communities and ferry schedules.
- Currently compiling a one-page summary of options for non-emergency travel options for residents.
- Mayor Buchanan: FYI Marjorie, there is a new schedule coming out for BC Ferries January 1, 2025.
- Mayor Corbett-Labatt: Is the hospital-to-hospital transport still ongoing from Island Health.
- Coordinator Greensides: At this time, yes, but will verify and advise.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

056/2024 THAT the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator report be received and filed.

**F. BYLAWS - None**

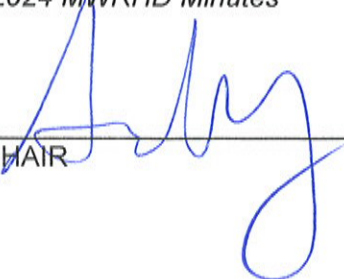
**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**COMMENTS:**

**NEXT MEETING** – January 21, 2025 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

057/2024 **H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 4:16 PM**

  
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CHAIR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER