



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT January 21, 2025 Minutes

Following the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors Meeting
Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Present: Vice Chair: Michelle Pottage

In Person: Kevin Cameron, Dennis Buchanan, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas,
David Summers, Chair Andrew Hory arrived at 11:40am
Zoom: Kathryn Wykes

Staff: David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer

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

Public: John Tidbury

Resolution **CALL TO ORDER Time 11:36 AM**

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**

001/2025 THAT the January 21, 2025 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held December 17, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

002/2025 THAT the December 17, 2024 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

D. CORRESPONDENCE – None

E. REPORTS

VIHA: Lesly Deuchar and Dave Boychuk

- *Recruitment and retention activities continue to be a priority and have added another Primary Care RN to staff.*
- *Minimum nurse patient ratios have been adopted by the Health Authority of British Columbia and Island Health is the first Health Authority to implement this program. The North Island sector will be the first area to have this implemented. What this means is that the government has calculated based on size, activity, acute and emergency departments that you would need a certain number of nurses. This means that more nursing lines will be added to the sites in North Vancouver Island. This will be accomplished through additional recruiting. Feedback from current and potential nurses have indicated that this program this is a positive aspect for both day to day working conditions as well as recruitment incentive as it reduces safety concerns for staff and provide better patient care overall when working in an area with minimum nurse patient ratios. This will be an enhancement to all current delivery service models and will not pull from other departments.*

- *Island Health has implemented nurse mentors for evenings and weekends to provide additional support for newer nursing staff during these times.*
- *Expansion to the addiction medicines program. There is a group that will be travelling up from down Island. This will be using a hub and spoke model of delivery. Additional information will be provided once everything is in place and ready to go.*
- *24/7 services for both Cormorant Island and Port Hardy remain a priority amid planning and other services including addiction medication and primary care. Will continue to work towards parallel programming in conjunction with the ongoing recruitments.*
- *Renovation activity has commenced at the Port Hardy Hospital, including ancillary buildings on site. Island Health will provide communication about this shortly, including parking, hospital access etc.*
- *Port McNeill is still in focus to happen once Port Hardy is completed.*
- *Planning is ongoing with a focus on iHealth for medical records.*
- *The new Ministry of Infrastructure has assumed conduct of all major capital projects that are vertical infrastructure, including the renovation projects for the North Island.*
- *Island Health has a meeting next week with leadership at the Ministry of Infrastructure to discuss new procedures and processes for approvals.*
- *There will be more effort to provide clearer communication around the ongoing renovations.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

003/2025 THAT the VIHA verbal report be received and filed.

Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator: Marjorie Greensides

- *A majority of the focus has been on the February Forum. A large portion of funding for the forum was received from Community Response Network.*
- *There will be an Eventbrite invitation coming out tomorrow for this forum.*
- *The format for the Forum will include gathering in the morning with breakout groups around theme. The afternoon will see everyone come back together to discuss everyone's thoughts around the themes and direction for moving the Health Network forward.*
- *The Forum will be held at the Kwa'ililas Hotel on February 12.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

004/2025 THAT the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator report be received and filed.

F. BYLAWS - None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

COMMENTS - None

NEXT MEETING – February 26, 2025 following the RDMW Board of Directors meeting.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Time 11:59 AM

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER