



MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

March 18, 2025 at 11:30am

Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Present: Chair: Andrew Hory  
In Person: Dennis Buchanan, Dennis Dugas  
Zoom: Kevin Cameron, Pat Corbett-Labatt, James Furney, Michelle Pottage, David Summers  
Regrets: Kathryn Wykes  
Staff: David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer  
Via Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary, Nicole McDowell, Administrative Assistant  
Public: 3

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER Time 11:35 AM**  
*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**  
011/2025 THAT the March 18, 2025 MWRHD Meeting Agenda be approved presented.

**B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None**

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the MWRHD Meeting held February 26, 2025.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
012/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025 Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

**D. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**E. REPORTS**

**VIHA: Ian Wood**

- Renovations at the Port Hardy Hospital are ongoing, starting with foundational work
- Some disruptions to the Helipad but no impact to patient care
- Communication plans will be updated with phasing
- Port McNeill Public Health will be moved to a modular beside the Port McNeill clinic due to the need for additional space.
- Public Health in Port Hardy is also looking for a new location. Thunderbird Mall is one location that is being considered.
- Physician count has remained the same for all primary care centres and hospitals.
- There has been a request submitted for an additional physician for Port Alice and two for Cormorant Island. Once those have been approved, an additional request will be submitted for 3 more physician positions.
- The new certified RN has landed in Port Hardy, she has specialty training and is a bridge between a primary care RN and a nurse practitioner. This means that she can prescribe some medications and see patients for matters such as STI's, opioid use disorder, contraception, and antibiotics. This will be incorporated into the work up here to provide more fulsome coverage. This brings the total to 3 certified RN's in the region.

- There will be a new educator coming the North Island in April, she is from Royal Columbian Hospital. She has experience in emergency and acute care.
- There is a new clinic service coming in, in the form of an addictions medicine/substance abuse clinic that will be running out of Port Hardy Primary Care clinic, that will be a couple times a month. This clinic will also be based out of Port Hardy with the physicians also attending at Gwa'sala 'Nakwaxda'xw, Quatsino, 'Namgis and Kwakiutl First Nations Communities to diminish the barriers of travel for those communities.
- No new updates for the BC Ambulance Helicopter staying in Port Hardy

Questions/Comments:

- Director Corbett-Labatt: A letter was sent on behalf of the municipal mayors asking BC Ambulance to extend the helicopter service.
- Chair Hory: Any update for a timeline of the housing in Port Hardy?
  - o Ian Wood: No yet, but will

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

013/2025 THAT the VIHA verbal report be received and filed.

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

- The Forum was a great success in a lot of ways. There were 32 participants who spanned over 18 different services.
- There was a definite lack of First Nations participation, this will be addressed going forward.
- Key Takeaways:
  - o More Action Oriented
  - o Sub committees for each focus area
  - o Better administration in term of minutes and meetings
  - o Coordination of information
  - o Outcome measurables
  - o Defining the Table of Partners
- Four Main Focus Areas:
  - o Senior's and Elders Better Living Advisory Committee
  - o Communication
  - o Housing
  - o Transportation
- June 15<sup>th</sup> is World Elder's Abuse Day, which coincides with Father's Day. The Health Network is going to coordinate with Community Response Network. This will be taking place on Friday June 13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This will be in Port Hardy, but the location has not been determined. To provide people with information on aging.
- Island Health Update: Sara Gogo will be taking over for Lesly Deuchar who is on leave.
- In discussion with Ian Wood, he has offered to attend Table of Partner meetings to assist with communication around Hospital renovations.

**Question/Discussion:**

Director Corbett-Labatt: What is a "silent agenda" and "living minutes"?

MWHN Marjorie Greensides: *A silent agenda is when several people are responsible for specific sections of an agenda. The living minutes are when the minutes are continuous.*

Director Corbett-Labatt: What is the update for the MWHN website?

MWHN Marjorie Greensides: *At this time, it's in discussion, and I am looking at discussing with the communication committee to determine the best route to take.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

014/2025 THAT the Mount Waddington Health Network Coordinator report be received and filed.

**F. BYLAWS**

- 1. Bylaw No. 111, cited as "Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Plan 2025-2029, Bylaw No. 111 for adoption.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED:**

015/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 111, cited as the "Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District Financial Plan 2025-2029, Bylaw No. 111" be adopted.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**COMMENTS - None**

**NEXT MEETING** - April 15, 2025

016/2025 **H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time 12:08 PM**

  
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CHAIR

  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

