

NORTH OKANAGAN/COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the North Okanagan/Columbia Shuswap Regional Hospital District
Board held October 25, 2016
in the Board Room of the Regional District of North Okanagan

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction
when endorsed by the Board at the next Regular meeting.

PRESENT:	R. Martin, Chair	Area E, CSRD
Directors:	P. Demenok	Area C, CSRD
	M. Macnabb	Area C, RDNO
	R. Fairbairn	Area D, RDNO
	H. Halvorson	Area F, RDNO
	D. Dirk	District of Coldstream, RDNO
	H. Cameron	Area E, RDNO
	C. Eliason	City of Salmon Arm, CSRD
	N. Cooper	City of Salmon Arm, CSRD
	J. Brown	Township of Spallumcheen, RDNO
	A. Mund	City of Vernon, RDNO
	J. Cunningham	City of Vernon, RDNO
	C. Lord	City of Vernon, RDNO
	L. Parker	Area B, CSRD
	H. Halvorson	Area F, RDNO
	G. McCune	City of Enderby, RDNO
Staff:	C. Hamilton	Secretary
	L. Shykora	Deputy Mgr., Corporate Admin. (Recorder)
	J. Pierce	Manager, Financial Services
ABSENT:	S. Fowler	City of Armstrong, RDNO
	K. Acton	Village of Lumby, RDNO
	M. McKee	City of Revelstoke, CSRD
	T. Rysz	District of Sicamous, CSRD
	B. Quiring	City of Vernon, RDNO
	B. Fleming	Area B, RDNO
GUESTS:	P. du Toit	Interior Health
	D. Gournough	Interior Health
	K. Peters	Interior Health

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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M/S Directors Cunningham/Macnabb THAT:
the minutes of the March 22, 2016 North Okanagan/Columbia Shuswap
Regional Hospital District Board meeting be adopted.

Discussion:

Staff noted the correct spelling of Director Macnabb's surname.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

INTERIOR HEALTH

Mr. Peter de Toit, Interior Health, introduced Dan Goughnour, Director, Business Support, Hospitals and Communities – Central. Mr. Goughnour has assumed the Interior Health position, previously held by Mr. Scott Bowen.

Mr. Kevin Peters, Head, Pharmacy, Laboratory & Radiology, Vernon Jubilee Hospital attended the meeting to provide a Report on the New Pharmacy, Vernon Jubilee Hospital (Benefit Analysis).

A PowerPoint presentation contained highlights of the project as outlined in the October, 2016 Report by Richard Harding and circulated with the Agenda. The summary of the presentation provided background to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Pharmacy Project, funding and costs:

- Project Highlights: Improved physical environment to meet standards, regulatory and licensing requirements and to meet the needs of future growth at Vernon Jubilee Hospital;
- Photographs showed the 'before' and 'after' of areas within the updated pharmacy, for example mixing of chemotherapy and intravenous medications, a confidential/private patient counselling area, and a secure electronic storage and tracking of controlled substances area;
- The project has culminated in enhanced efficiencies and has greatly improved staff morale.

Mr. Peters responded to several questions.

Dan Goughnour, Interior Health attended the meeting to provide a brief update on VJH Polson Tower Expansion – Financial Report at October, 2016, summarized in a PowerPoint presentation.

The Board was advised that the projected overall savings had been projected at \$4.7 million; the current overall projected is \$5 million dollars.

Chair Martin thanked Mr. Peters and Mr. Goughnour for attending the Board meeting to make the presentations and to answer questions of the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated May 26, 2016 from B. Koster, Director Business Support, Capital Planning re: 2015-2016 Global Grant.

- For information.

Letter dated August 2, 2016 from B. Koster, Director Business Support, Capital Planning, Interior Health re: Closed Projects/Major Equipment

- For information.

Copy of Response Letter from Deputy Minister of Health dated August 5, 2016 to Chair, Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District

- For Information.

and

Letter from the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Chair dated June 28, 2016 re: Hospital District Act – Cost Sharing Authority

- Request to Minister of Health for update to Hospital District Act to reflect recommendations from the 2003 Ministry of Health Review.
- Ministry of Health Health Review, 2003 Executive Summary circulated with Agenda, for reference.
- For information.

Letter from Chair E. Malzer dated April 26, 2016 – Response to NOCSRHD Resolution requesting a Scope Audit of Interior Health.

Copy of Letter from Chair Martin dated April 25, 2016, circulated with agenda package, for reference.

- For information.

Letter from BC Emergency Health Services dated September 22, 2016 re: Community Paramedicine Initiative – Interior Health

Update on status of recruiting and placing community paramedics in communities within Interior Health selected for initial rollout of the Community Paramedicine Initiative.

- For information.

Additional Correspondence Item: News Release dated October 24, 2016 – New Board Chair John O’Fee named for Interior Health effective January 1, 2017.

- For information.

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M/S Directors Dirk/Lord THAT:
the correspondence contained on the October 25, 2016 agenda be received.

Discussion:

- Several Directors commented on the response letter from the Chair, Interior Health in relation to the NOCSRHD resolution requesting a Scope Audit of Interior Health:
- Remarks that local governments are charged with community health initiatives such as smoking cessation, water service, improved road networks to promote healthier lifestyles, land use planning (example of approving production plant, may result in air quality issues) – when issues arise the local government is left holding the bag; Interior Health is not involved at this level;
- It is difficult to pinpoint where Interior Health responsibility starts and stops, comments on the overlap with local government and some provincial ministries where Interior Health has authority but may step away, examples of water quality testing, air quality matters;
- Mr. du Toit commented from an Interior Health perspective and pointed out that Interior Health has legislated requirements to follow (such as the Drinking Water Act, Public Health Act, etc.);
- Mr. du Toit acknowledged the comments of Board members, advising that much of the funding is mandated from the Ministry of Health and is essentially designated to keep people healthy and to avoid hospital stays, as laid out in Interior Health's (5) five steps strategic plan.

CARRIED

Other:

Mr. du Toit advised that Interior Health would provide information to the Board at its next meeting, on the following topics:

- Outcomes in relation to capital expenditures: ie surgical wait times, measurement of infectious disease spread, current situation and statistics on the number of long term care beds/population.

Mr. du Toit suggested that Public Health Inspection representatives be invited to the next Board meeting.

REPORTS

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2016 NOCSRHD
FINANCIAL UPDATE

Report from J. Pierce, Manager of Financial Services, dated October 6, 2016.

- For information.

Ms. Pierce provided an overview of the Year to Date Financial Summary contained in the Report, advising that expenses on some projects won't be finalized for some time; an assessment of conversion to long term debt will be considered at that time.

M/S Directors Cunningham/Macnabb THAT:
the report from J. Pierce, Manager of Financial Services dated October 6, 2016 re: 2016 Financial Update, be received.

Discussion:

- In response to questions about renewing long term debt given the current low interest rate; staff confirmed there are no debentures that can be renewed at this time or in the immediate future;
- The total debenture debt is approximately \$6.7 million; the rate fluctuates depending on the time of issue.

CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. – Board Room, Columbia Shuswap Regional District, 555 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm, B.C.

ADJOURNMENT

H2016-112

M/S Directors Macnabb/Parker THAT:
the October 25, 2016 meeting of the North Okanagan/Columbia Shuswap Regional Hospital District Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

CHAIR