

Spotlight

January 2016

Chair & Acting Chair Acclaimed

The WKBRHD acclaimed Director Marguerite Rotvold of Midway to the position of Board Chair for 2016. Acclaimed to the Acting Chair role was Director Walter Popoff of Area H (the Slocan Valley).



Executive Decision

Each year, the Board appoints members to its Executive Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board. The composition of the 2016 Executive is:

Arrow Lakes – Slocan—Castlegar – Nakusp: **Leah Main**
 Kootenay (Kaslo-Nelson-Salmo): **Garry Jackman**
 Boundary: **Roly Russell**
 Greater Trail: **Mike Martin**



New Director at the Table

The WKBRHD is pleased to welcome Mayor Frank Konrad to the Board. Director Konrad is the Mayor of the City of Grand Forks.



The Core of Castlegar

The WKBRHD Board completed its biannual travelling roadshow when it toured the Castlegar Health Centre on January 27th.

Directors learned that the facility serves 500-600 patients through its collaborative mental health program. A team of health care professionals, including psychiatrists, work together to ensure patients receive the best possible care. Psychiatrists are dispatched to rural, remote communities throughout the West Kootenay-Boundary region.

Interior Health’s Cheryl Whittleton pointed out that provincially, “mental health is under-resourced,” so programs such as Castlegar’s are helping to meet this growing health care demand.

The Board also saw the ambulatory clinic, which has proven to be a successful initiative. Clinic staff change dressings and provide wound care. By having patients come to the clinic, travel time is reduced for nurses and patients are kept out of the emergency room.

Another unique feature of the Castlegar health facility is its methadone clinic.

Jonathan Jinjoe, Manager of Plant Services, said that while the building is holding up well, some of its infrastructure will need to be replaced over the next decade. Among these items are the underground fuel storage tank and the generator.

Plant supervisor Joel Snauwart proudly showed off the facilities chiller, which the WKBRHD recently helped fund. This piece of equipment keeps patients and staff comfortable.

2016 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb. 24	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
March 23	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
June 22	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
Oct. 26	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
Nov. 23	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.

If a community group or delegation would like to present to the Board at any of the meetings, contact Anitra Winje at awinje@rdck.bc.ca or 250.352.8166.



In October 2015, *Spotlight* reported that the WKBHRD’s capital reserve fund was approaching the \$10 million mark. The Board has a policy that placed a cap of \$10 million on the fund. At the January 2016

meeting, staff presented the Board with a history of the fund, its current status, and options for its future. The Board will discuss the reserve and decide whether to remove the cap and continue contributing to the fund at its February 2016 meeting. *What do you think the Board should do?*



Health of the Hospital—KBRH



In October 2015, leakage occurred around some of the windows at the regional hospital in Trail. The water damaged window frames, framing and walls. Interior Health is working to replace the windows and repair the damage. The intensive care unit at KBRH will also be relocated for a period of approximately eight months as construction gets underway at the facility.



WKBHRD Board Chair Marguerite Rotvold (left), welcomes Karen Bloemink, the new Executive Director, Hospitals & Community Integrated Services in IH East, to the January 27th meeting. Ms. Bloemink will make a presentation to the Board on Interior Health’s recent organizational changes at the February 24th meeting.



The WKBHRD lost a member of its family in December 2015 with the passing of Director Nola Tutti of Greenwood. The Board sends its deepest condolences to Director Tutti’s family, friends and community. Nola, you will be missed.



Did you know...
that you can find a wealth of information on facilities, diseases, conditions, services, programs and physicians on Interior Health’s website at: <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/FindUs/Pages/default.aspx>

Where are your taxes going?

Interior Health presented its capital funding request for the next fiscal year to the WKBHRD Board. The Board has been asked to contribute \$2,330,200 for the projects. To view the items, how much they cost, and where they will be located, see the table on the next page.



Facility	Location	Equipment/Project Description	Total Budget	RHD Share	Previous RHD Approval		2016/17 Funding Request
					Amount	B/L #	
Construction Projects over \$100,000							
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	ICU:					
		Development of an Isolation Room Windows and Wall Replacement	738,000 475,000	295,200 190,000	264,000	207	31,200 190,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Seclusion Rooms (x2)	700,000	280,000			280,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Sanitary Pipe Replacement, N & W wings	400,000	160,000			160,000
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Chiller	400,000	160,000			160,000
Arrow Lakes Hospital	Nakusp	Acute and Emergency Department Redevelopment (Planning)	100,000	100,000			100,000
Construction Projects under \$100,000							
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Window Glass Replacement	95,000	38,000			38,000
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Renovate Washrooms	95,000	38,000			38,000
Castlegar & District Community Health Centre	Castlegar	Emergency Room Ventilation System	90,000	36,000			36,000
Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo	Kaslo	Fuel Storage Tank Replacement	60,000	24,000			24,000
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Various Facilities		Forms on Demand and Patient Identification System	159,000	63,600			63,600
Castlegar & District Community Health Centre/Talarico Place	Castlegar	Wireless Infrastructure Expansion	45,000	18,000			18,000
Nelson Jubilee Manor	Nelson	Wireless Infrastructure Expansion	35,000	14,000			14,000
Columbia View Lodge	Trail	Wireless Infrastructure Expansion	25,000	10,000			10,000
Slocan Community Health Centre	New Denver	Wireless Infrastructure Expansion	20,000	8,000			8,000
Slocan Community Health Centre	New Denver	Unified Communications - Telephone Infrastructure	45,000	18,000			18,000
Gordon Road Wellness Centre	Nelson	Unified Communications - Telephone Infrastructure	45,000	18,000			18,000
Salmo Health & Wellness Centre	Salmo	Unified Communications - Telephone Infrastructure	35,000	14,000			14,000
Nelson Jubilee Manor	Nelson	Unified Communications - Telephone Infrastructure	35,000	14,000			14,000
Minto House (attached to Arrow Lakes Hospital)	Nakusp	Vocera Expansion and Integration	33,000	13,200			13,200
Equipment over \$100,000							
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital/Kootenay Lake Hospital	Trail/Nelson	Medstations, IH-Wide Replacement - Infrastructure	34,000	13,600			13,600
		- Equipment Replacement	1,018,000	407,200			407,200
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	General Radiographic System	547,000	218,800			218,800
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Sterilizer, Hydrogen Peroxide	171,000	68,400			68,400
Equipment Under \$100,000 (Global Grant)							
All Facilities		Equipment between \$5,000 and \$100,000	935,500	374,200			374,200
TOTAL			\$ 6,335,500	\$ 2,594,200	\$ 264,000		\$ 2,330,200

The WKBRHD will decide whether or not to fund these items at its February 24th meeting.

You are welcome to attend the meeting!

