

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Grand Forks, B.C.
May 27, 2015

The **fourth** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2015 was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Reid Gallery, Grand Forks & District Art and Heritage Centre, 524 Central Avenue, Grand Forks, BC.

PRESENT:

	Chair M. Rotvold	Midway
(RDCK)	Director D. McIntosh	Castlegar
	Director S. Hewat	Kaslo
	Director K. Hamling	Nakusp
	Director D. Kozak	Nelson
	Director H. von Krogh	New Denver
	Director C. Paton	Salmo
	Director L. Main	Silverton
	Director J. Lunn	Slocan
	Director G. Jackman	Area A
	Director A. Watson	Area D
	Director R. Faust	Area E
	Director T. Newell	Area F
	Director H. Cunningham	Area G
	Director W. Popoff	Area H-The Slocan Valley
	Director A. Davidoff	Area I
	Director R. Smith	Area J
	Director P. Peterson	Area K-The Arrow Lakes
(RDKB)	Director L. Worley	Area B
	Director R. Russell	Area D
	Director N. Krog	Grand Forks
	Director N. Tutti	Greenwood
	Director J. Danchuk	Montrose
	Director K. Moore	Rossland
	Alt. Director R. Cacchioni	Trail
	Alt. Director B. Rakuson	Warfield

ABSENT:

Director A. Grieve	Area A
Director G. McGregor	Area C
Director V. Gee	Area E
Director T. Webber	Fruitvale

Administration:

Stuart Horn	Secretary
Anitra Winje	Deputy-Secretary

Interior Health Delegates:

Todd Mastel, Manager, Business Support—Acute/Tertiary Services
Cindy Crane, Acute Health Services Manager
Cheryl Whittleton, Community Integrated Health Services Administrator—KB
Thalia Vesterback, Acute Health Services Director, KLH/BDH
Jonathan Jinjoe, Manager, Plant Services, Kootenay Boundary
Karl Hardt, Communications

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., Chair Rotvold called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Worley and seconded,
And Resolved:

55/15 The agenda for the May 27, 2015 Open Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Director Hamling and seconded,
And Resolved:

56/15 The minutes of the March 25, 2015 Open Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOVED by Director Jackman and seconded,
And Resolved:

57/15 The minutes of the May 19, 2015 Executive Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

ARROW LAKES HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

The Board discussed the idea of dedicating \$100,000 from reserves to fund a preliminary design and Class B cost estimate, including options for phased construction, for renovations to upgrade the emergency department at Arrow Lakes Hospital.

Todd Mastel of Interior Health said that no money would transfer from the WKBRHD to Interior Health unless the authority accepted the offer. He said IH acknowledges that the Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Department has challenges. He suggested that the WKBRHD's funding offer would send a strong message as to its priorities concerning the facility.

MOVED by Director Jackman and seconded,
And Resolved:

58/15 WHEREAS the Interior Health Authority has identified several opportunities for smaller renovation projects at Arrow Lakes Hospital but has not yet identified funding towards upgrading the emergency department at Arrow Lakes Hospital;

THEREFORE BE IT RECOMMENDED to the WKBRHD Board that \$100,000 be dedicated from reserves to fund a preliminary design and Class B cost estimate, including options for phased construction, for renovations to upgrade the emergency department at Arrow Lakes Hospital.

RECORDED OPPOSED: Director Cacchioni

DELEGATION: INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

Todd Mastel, Manager, Business Support—Acute/Tertiary Services
Brigitte McDonough, Acute Health Services Administrator—KB
Cheryl Whittleton, Community Integrated Health Services Administrator—KB
Jonathan Jingoe, Manager, Plant Services, Kootenay Boundary
Karl Hardt, Communications

Todd Mastel provided an update on the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital's sustainability plan. He reiterated the three pressures facing the facility: the emergency department, ambulatory care and the pharmacy. He said that Interior Health is still in discussions with the Ministry of Health on phasing options for the hospital. Mr. Mastel will provide an update on the project at a future meeting.

Mr. Mastel acknowledged Interior Health's receipt of the WKBRHD's letter of April 8, 2015 regarding a rural strategy. He identified key themes in the document: how does Interior Health plan, how can local government provide input into that planning, which services are provided in communities, and how are those services delivered. He said that Interior Health would respond to the letter at the WKBRHD's October 28th meeting in Kaslo.

Chair Rotvold thanked the Interior Health delegation for the informative and thorough tour of Boundary Hospital and said that Directors benefit from viewing the infrastructure that is essential to the operation of the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable

MOVED by Director Jackman and seconded,
And Resolved:

59/15 That the Accounts Payable Summary for the period March 17—31, 2015 in the amount of \$3,267.66 be approved.

Transit Funding

MOVED by Director Cacchioni and seconded,
And Resolved:

60/15 That the following item be received for information:

The letter from Mayor Kozak to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District regarding the City of Nelson's concerns around cuts to transit funding.

MOVED by Director Kozak and seconded,
And Resolved:

61/15 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District write a letter to Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, expressing concern about cuts to transit funding.

2014 Audited Financial Statements

MOVED by Director Russell and seconded,
And Resolved:

62/15 The Board approves the unqualified 2014 Audited Financial Statements as audited by Berg Lehmann.

Chair's Report

Chair Rotvold reported that she and Secretary Horn attended the Spring Interior Health/Regional Hospital District meeting in Kelowna. She raised the following issues on behalf of the WKBRHD Board: population circulation, transportation, ambulance, and small water systems and regulations.

Chair Rotvold learned that Interior Health calculates population based on Census data and that seasonal influxes are not considered. She said that Interior Health has concerns regarding ambulance service as it is outside the health authority's mandate.

The next Interior Health/Regional Hospital District will be in October. The Chair asked Directors to send their issues/concerns to her by the June meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Director Leah Main passed along appreciation from one of her constituents to Interior Health for its initiative "It's Easier Than You Think" regarding educating children about sexual health and well-being.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Lunn and seconded,
And Resolved:

63/15 The meeting adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Secretary