

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Grand Forks, B.C.
September 30, 2015

The **fifth** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2015 was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Emergency Services Building, 300 – 8th Avenue North West, Nakusp, BC.

PRESENT:

	Chair M. Rotvold	Midway
(RDCK)	Director S. Hewat	Kaslo
	Director K. Hamling	Nakusp
	Director D. Kozak	Nelson
	Alt. Director A. Bunka	New Denver
	Director S. White	Salmo
	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 R. Smith	Area J
	Director P. Peterson	Area K-The Arrow Lakes
(RDKB)	Director B. Edwards	Area B
	Director G. McGregor	Area C
	Director R. Russell	Area D
	Director V. Gee	Area E
	Alt. Director P. Cecchini	Fruitvale
	Director J. Danchuk	Montrose
	Alt. Director R. Cacchioni	Trail
	Director B. Rakuson	Warfield

ABSENT:

Director A. Grieve	Area A (RDKB)
Director A. Davidoff	Area I (RDCK)
Director D. McIntosh	Castlegar
Director N. Krog	Grand Forks
Director N. Tutti	Greenwood
Director K. Moore	Rossland
Director L. Main	Silverton

Administration:

Stuart Horn	Secretary
Anitra Winje	Deputy-Secretary
Heather Smith	Treasurer

Interior Health Delegates:

Todd Mastel, Manager, Business Support—Acute/Tertiary Services
Suzanne McCombs, Community Health Services Administrator – Nakusp, New Denver, Kaslo
Jonathan Jinjoe, Manager, Plant Services, Kootenay Boundary
Karl Hardt, Communications

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:01 p.m., Chair Rotvold called the meeting to order.

She thanked the Directors for attending the facility tours in New Denver and Nakusp and thanked Interior Health staff for conducting the tours. She also expressed gratitude to the residents of these communities for sustaining their hospitals.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Hamling and seconded,
And Resolved:

64/15 The agenda for the September 30, 2015 Open Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Director Peterson and seconded,
And Resolved:

65/15 The minutes of the May 27, 2015 Open Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

Todd Mastel thanked the Board for participating in the facility tours of the New Denver and Nakusp hospitals.

He provided an update on the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital's sustainability plan and 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 receipt of the WKBRHD's offer letter to Interior Health regarding the Arrow Lakes Hospital emergency department (the WKBRHD Board resolved to dedicate up to \$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).

Lastly, Mr. Mastel said that he and Cheryl Whittleton will make a presentation to the WKBRHD Board at its October 28th meeting on health services planning and community care in BC.

The Board asked about the status of the Kootenay Lake laundry service. Mr. Mastel said that the deadline for proponents to submit proposals has closed but that no decision has yet been made.

The Board also enquired whether or not Interior Health has a social procurement policy. Mr. Mastel confirmed that the authority has no such policy but that it would be open to exploring such a document and would report back to the WKBRHD in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable

MOVED by Director Jackman and seconded,
And Resolved:

66/15 That the Accounts Payable Summary for the period April 1—August 31, 2015 in the amount of \$664,539.72 be approved.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

MOVED by Director McGregor and seconded,
And Resolved:

67/15 That the following correspondence items be received for information:

- The copy of the letter dated July 23, 2015 from the Kaslo and Area Medical Care Society.
- The copy of the letter dated August 26, 2015 from the Kaslo and Area Medical Care Society.

CARRIED.

WKBRHD Administration Contract

MOVED by Director McGregor and seconded,
And Resolved:

68/15 That the WKBRHD Board authorize the Chair and Secretary to enter into an agreement with the Regional District of Central Kootenay for the provision of administrative services, with the term to begin January 1, 2016 and end December 31, 2020.

CARRIED.

Director's Motion (Andy Davidoff)

MOVED by Director Cunningham and seconded,
And Resolved:

69/15 That the following matter be referred to the October 28, 2015 Board meeting:

That the WKBRHD Board respectfully requests the Province of British Columbia to amend the Hospital Authorities Act to provide for the inclusion of one additional Board member per Health Authority to be elected from every regional hospital board within their respective Health Authorities.

CARRIED.

Appointment – Village of Salmo

MOVED by Director Jackman and seconded,
And Resolved:

70/15 That the Board appoint Stephen White as the Village of Salmo's representative to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

CARRIED.

Appointment – Village of Warfield

MOVED by Director Danchuk and seconded,
And Resolved:

71/15 That the Board appoint Brett Rakuson as the Village of Warfield’s representative to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

CARRIED.

Chair Rotvold’s Report

The WKBRHD’s Executive Committee met with Interior Health President/CEO Dr. Robert Halpenny and Chair Erwin Malzer at the UBCM Convention in September to raise the following three concerns:

Paramedicine Initiative – This program will see 80 full time equivalent paramedic professionals hired into rural and remote communities to assist in hospital, home, and ambulatory care. The WKBRHD asked Interior Health how it determines which communities are identified for these positions and how the involvement of local elected officials and the potential for local input will be considered in this process. The WKBRHD requested that Kaslo and Nakusp be considered for pilot projects.

The shift from Acute Care to Home Care - The shift from acute to home care is one that appears to have support in the Kootenay and Boundary areas. Due to the demographic and the remote nature of our area, the WKBRHD could be a possible area for a test case for some of the initiatives being contemplated by the Ministry of Health. The WKBRHD discussed Interior Health’s plans to implement this program and whether it has considered our region. Interior Health responded that funding is the primary issue currently.

Small Water Systems – The WKBRHD asked Interior Health if small water systems are complying with the requirements to follow the same standards as larger water systems. The WKBRHD also asked about potential alternatives to managing costs to small water systems to comply as well as the consistent application of the regulations. The WKBRHD also requested that Interior Health staff speak with improvement districts in the region to help them understand the regulations and reach compliance. Interior Health responded that it will consider this.

Chair Rotvold reported that at the last CAO/Chairs’ meeting in Kelowna, she raised the following issues as significant to our hospital district: climate, weather, geography, transportation, isolated rural communities, sustainable health care and recruitment of health care providers.

Chair Rotvold and Secretary Horn will attend the next CAO/Chairs’ meeting in Kelowna on October 21st. They will raise these matters: status of the Arrow Lakes Hospital ER; Interior Health’s Rural Strategy; Kootenay Lake Hospital laundry service; carbon footprints of health authorities; and physicians: fee-for-service versus contracts.

Invitation—Interior Health Board Member

72/15 **MOVED** by Director Popoff and seconded,
And Resolved:

That Chair Rotvold invite the Interior Health Authority Board member for the West Kootenay-Boundary region to future meetings of the WKBRHD.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Lunn and seconded,
And Resolved:

73/15 The meeting adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Deputy-Secretary