



WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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Arrow Lakes Hospital

A delegation from the Interior Health Authority presented an update to the Board on planning for the Arrow Lakes Hospital project. Cheryl Whittleton, Community Integrated Health Services Administrator – Kootenay Boundary, for the health authority, outlined plans for a major upgrade to the emergency department and acute care areas.

The project will increase capacity to treat multiple trauma patients at once, and will add storage and utility areas to improve ER department functioning. The project is expected to deliver significant improvements to patient safety and privacy, improve work area layout and safety for staff, and to optimally arrange the ER to meet infection control standards.

The project is proposed to be completed in three phases, with a total cost of \$2.1 million dollars. Interior Health requested that the Board consider funding up to 100% of the project to facilitate the next stage of the project proceeding in 2018. The Board resolved to retain the existing funding model of 40% of project costs being covered by the Regional Hospital District.

The Board expressed concerns to Interior Health about apparent changes to historic funding models, and referred the matter back to the Board's Executive Committee for further discussion. The Board will undertake research into how other Regional Hospital Districts fund their projects, and a framework for discussing this issue with the Ministry of Health will be developed.

Hospital Laundry Funds

Recently the laundry service operations at Kootenay Lake Hospital ceased and laundry operations were centralized by the Interior Health Authority.

Consequently, there is surplus laundry equipment for disposal. In 2013 the Regional Hospital District contributed a 35% share of a \$324,000 Single Stage Laundry Press. The Board resolved to approve the disposal of this equipment and request that IHA provide the Regional Hospital District with its proportionate share of the sale proceeds in accordance with IHA's asset disposal policy.

Upcoming 2017 WKBRHD Meetings

Nov. 22, 2017 Castlegar & 6:00 p.m.
Community Complex

Meeting minutes and agendas can be found at:
www.rdck.ca

Regional Hospital District Board Members at Union of BC Municipalities Convention

Regional Hospital Board Chair Aimee Watson reported on meetings held by the Board's Executive Committee at the recent UBCM Conference. The executive met with BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) to request more paramedicine staff and discuss increasing support for ambulance services in remote communities. The increased reliance on ambulance services resulting from the centralization of acute care services in our regions was highlighted to BCEHS. BCEHS is currently preparing a resource deployment plan to address the issues.

The executive also met with Minister of Health Adrian Dix. The discussion focused on securing ministry support for the Arrow Lakes Hospital Upgrades and the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Sustainability Project. The executive also requested that the Ministry initiate a comprehensive review to identify all actions required to meet immediate and long term needs for optimal health care delivery in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District. The review was requested in consideration of the increasing centralization of services in larger centers, and should include a consultation process with affected stakeholders.

Have Your Say!

If a community group or delegation would like to present to the WKBRHD Board at any of its meetings, please check out our delegation policy at:

http://www.rdck.ca/assets/WKBRHD~Hospital~District/Documents/WKBRHD-Delegation_TEMPLATE.pdf

or contact Mike Morrison at mmorrison@rdck.bc.ca or 250.352.8168.

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2017 Funded Projects

Wonder where your hospital tax dollars could go? See the 2017/2018 capital funding request from Interior Health below.

Facility	Location	Equipment/Project Description	Total Budget	RHD Share
		<u>Construction Projects over \$100,000</u>		
Slocan Community Health Centre	New Denver	Generator Replacement	\$861,000	\$344,400
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Steam and Condensate Line Replacement	523,000	209,200
		<u>Construction Projects under \$100,000</u>		
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Washroom Renovations, Wheelchair Access	95,000	38,000
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Medical Air Systems	80,000	32,000
Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo	Kaslo	Building Management System Replacement	75,000	30,000
Nelson Jubilee Manor	Nelson	Replacement of Condensing Units	65,000	26,000
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Repair Fire Separation Penetrations	52,000	20,800
		<u>IMIT over \$100,000</u>		
Regional		Corporate Projects	415,000	166,000
Various Facilities		Specialized Services - Surgical Services	107,000	42,800
		<u>IMIT under \$100,000</u>		
Regional		Corporate Projects	210,000	84,000
Columbia View Lodge	Trail	Vocera Expansion and Integration	99,000	39,600
Various Facilities		Telehealth Expansion	50,000	20,000
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		<u>Equipment over \$100,000</u>		
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	SPECT CT	1,623,000	649,200
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Urology Imaging System	623,000	249,200
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Integrated Chemistry/Immunochemistry Analyzer	322,000	128,800
Columbia View Lodge	Trail	Resident Bus	117,000	46,800
		<u>Equipment Under \$100,000 (Global Grant)</u>		
All Facilities		Equipment between \$5,000 and \$100,000	943,500	377,400
TOTAL			\$ 6,290,500	\$ 2,516,200