



Hospital District Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Zoom/Board Room (Hybrid) – 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC
Immediately following the Board of Directors Meeting

Regular Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(immediately following the ACRD Board Meeting)

Recognition of Territories.

Notice to attendees and delegates that this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District Website.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – October 11, 2023

3-5

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on October 11, 2023 be adopted.

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (10-minute maximum)

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

6-7

Nanaimo Regional Hospital District, October 31, 2023, request for support – NRHD Healthcare Priority Projects.

Possible Motion:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors provide a letter of support directed to Health Minister Dix for the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District priority capital projects including the new patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab to be located at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

8. REPORTS

- a. Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett
- b. Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – V. Siga
- c. West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote
- d. Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors
- e. Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote
- f. West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors
- g. Other Reports

THAT the Regional Hospital Board of Directors receives reports a-g.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. LATE BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public:

- Participating in Person in the Board Room
- Participating in the Zoom meeting
- Emailed to the ACRD at responses@acrd.bc.ca

12. ADJOURN



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023

Hybrid - Zoom/Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

DIRECTORS

Debbie Haggard, Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

PRESENT:

John Jack, Vice-Chairperson, Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Bob Beckett, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)

Fred Boyko, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)

Vaida Siga, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)

Colin McLeman, Alternate Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

Mike Sparrow, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)

Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułu?it?ath Government

REGRETS:

Susan Roth, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)

Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Mike Irg, General Manager of Planning & Development

Wendy Thomson, General Manager of Administrative Services

Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/11-10-2023/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:24 pm.

The Chairperson recognized this meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The Chairperson reported this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District website.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Sparrow

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – September 13, 2023

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Jack

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District meeting held on September 13, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. Correspondence October 3, 2023 from Island Health Communication regarding Island Health's Baby Bed Program

MOVED: Director Beckett

SECONDED: Director Jack

THAT this correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

8. REPORTS

- a. Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett**
No report
- b. Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – V. Siga**
No report
- c. West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote**
No report
- d. Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors**
No report
- e. Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote/ V.Siga**

No report.

f. West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors

The Grand Opening for the new Emergency Room is scheduled for November 10th

g. Other Reports

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Sparrow

THAT the Regional Hospital Board of Directors receives reports a-g.

CARRIED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. LATE BUSINESS

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public. The Executive Assistant advised there were no questions or comments respecting an agenda topic from public:

- Participating in Person in the ACRD Board Room
- Participating in the Zoom webinar
- Submissions received by email at responses@acrd.bc.ca.

12. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Jack

SECONDED: Director Beckett

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:28 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Debbie Haggard,
Chairperson

Janice Hill,
Executive Assistant

October 31, 2023

Chair John Jack
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Ave,
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 2E3

Re: Request For Support - NRHD Key Healthcare Priority Projects

Dear Chair Jack,

On behalf of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District (NRHD), I write to share information about our advocacy work to advance a suite of priority projects in the region which will serve residents across the Central and North Island. These interrelated projects include a new patient tower, cancer centre, cardiac catheterization lab and high acuity unit to be located at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH) and a new long-term care home in the region. It is our hope that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) will consider approving a motion to write a letter to Minister Dix expressing support for this critical health infrastructure.

These projects were identified by the Province and Island Health in consultation with health care experts and are included in Island Health's major capital plan. Over the last two years, the NRHD has confirmed its commitment to these projects and has developed an advocacy focus and a financial strategy to see them realized.

Over time, there has been progress. In March 2023 the B.C. government approved the new high acuity unit (HAU) to be developed as part of the new intensive care unit at the NRGH, construction is under way. In May 2023 the Province also approved the concept plan for a new cancer centre to be located at the NRGH. Upgrades to the existing community oncology clinic at the NRGH have also been approved which will increase the number of treatment spaces and replace the current cancer outpatient pharmacy. Business planning for the cancer centre is underway. In October 2023 the Province announced its approval of a long-term care facility to be built in Lantzville, with construction to begin in 2025. The NRHD is grateful to the government for approving the HAU, the concept plan for the cancer centre and the long-term care facility to move ahead. However, there is still an urgent need for the other priority projects.

While we recognize that your regional district and regional hospital district have their own priorities, we note that the NRGH is the designated tertiary hospital north of the Malahat, providing specialized services to patients not just within the NRHD region but also from across the Central and North Island. The Central and North Island have one of the fastest growing and oldest populations in Canada. In the past five years, the RDN's population has increased by twice the national rate and is growing faster than the population in the South Island. Beyond the RDN, the population and complexity of medical needs across the entire Central and North Island are also growing. The shortage of health facilities is at a critical point, leading to a lower standard of care and poorer outcomes for patients in the Central and North Island, as well as high costs to the health system. For many patients this creates additional financial and transportation burdens associated with travelling to Victoria or Vancouver for treatment. Delaying these

projects will only exacerbate the growing gaps in care, putting patients at increased risk and contributing to worsening health outcomes and greater inefficiencies.

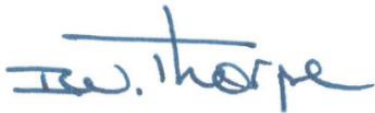
The NRHD is not asking for financial contribution from the ACRD for these projects. We have developed a long-term financial strategy and taken steps to support our financial contribution through a regional tax increase and we are prepared to borrow the difference. The NRHD priority projects will complement your own health infrastructure by providing new and enhanced health services, helping to ensure your residents get the care they need closer to their communities.

The NRHD has taken on a strong advocacy role and is committed to investing the resources and energy necessary to work with Island Health and the Province, First Nations, municipal and regional governments, regional hospital districts and other supporters to see these projects through to completion. It is our view that they align with the Province's priorities and will support the government in delivering on its commitments to improving health care for all British Columbians.

I enclose a draft motion and letter of support for the Board's consideration, as well as a fact sheet with more detailed information. A letter has also been sent to the Alberni- Clayoquot Regional Hospital District.

Thank you for your consideration. I am certainly available to provide clarification should you wish further details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian Thorpe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name.

Ian Thorpe, Chair
Nanaimo Regional Hospital District
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Encl.