



## Hospital District Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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. DECLARATIONS**

*(conflict of interest)*

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. **Board of Directors Meeting – July 24, 2024**

**3-6**

*THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on July 24, 2024 be adopted.*

**5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Island Health**

- New 3D mammography technology enhances breast cancer detection in Port Alberni.

**7-8**

*THAT this correspondence be received for information.*

**6. 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/V Siga
- f. West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors
- g. Other Reports

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

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. LATE BUSINESS**

**9. 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca)

**10. ADJOURN**



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024

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

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Debbie Haggard, Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni  
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)  
Susan Roth, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)  
Mike Sparrow, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)  
Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet  
Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government  
Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation  
Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułu?if?ath Government

**REGRETS:** John Jack, Vice-Chairperson, Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations  
Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni  
Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

**STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer  
Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer  
Mike Irg, General Manager of Planning & Development  
Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services  
Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services  
Alex Dyer, Planning Manager  
Janice Hill, Executive Assistant

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at:  
<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/24-7-2024/>

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:28 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 Johnsen*  
*SECONDED: Director Sparrow*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**a. Board of Directors Meeting – June 12, 2024**

*MOVED: Director Johnsen*  
*SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on June 12, 2024 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Island Health**

- Island Health announces 2024/2025 Community Wellness Grant Recipients
- Simple, safe, effective: Island Health grant supports washroom sensor project for Vancouver Island Libraries
- Tips for a safe and sound summer festival season

*MOVED: Director Cote*  
*SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT this correspondence be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**8. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS**

**9. REPORTS**

- a. Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett.** Spoke about a recent patient in Bamfield. Spoke highly of the nursing staff and the Bamfield Fire Department who assessed

and transported out of the community via helicopter. Excellent care was provided.

- b. **Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – V. Siga.** – Changes in staffing is progressing well.
- c. **West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote.** AGM was held last week. No further 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.** Hospital Chair Haggard attended the Port Alberni Health Summit with Directors Siga and Cote and Marcie Dewitt on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event was hosted by a group of doctors to discuss the medical crisis in Port Alberni and explore solutions. Two priorities to work on include housing and childcare for medical personnel. Community Futures is also working with this group of doctors on a very exciting project and will be coming to the ACRD Board of Directors August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**g. Other Reports**

*MOVED: Director Cootes*

*SECONDED: Director Sparrow*

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

**CARRIED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11. LATE BUSINESS**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public. The Manager of Administrative Services 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca).

**13. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Sparrow*

*SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned at 4:36 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Debbie Haggard,  
Chairperson

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Heather Zenner,  
Manager of Administrative Services

**From:** [Abassi, Dominic \[ISLH\]](#) on behalf of [Island Health Communication \[ISLH\]](#)  
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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 31, 2024

### **New 3D mammography technology enhances breast cancer detection in Port Alberni**

**Port Alberni** — People in the Alberni Valley and surrounding regions will benefit from more accurate and faster cancer screening thanks to a new, state-of-the-art 3D mammography system at West Coast General Hospital (WCGH) in Port Alberni.

"The new 3D mammography will enhance access to better diagnosis for people in Port Alberni and nearby communities," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "We will continue to invest in advanced technology to strengthen health services in the region, ensuring people can receive the healthcare they need closer to home."

The new system, installed in March 2024, is equipped with advanced tomosynthesis capabilities that capture multiple low-dose X-ray images from different angles to create detailed 3D images of the breast. This advanced imaging technique provides radiologists with a clearer view of breast tissue, making it easier to detect small cancers, especially in patients with dense breast tissue.

"Updating mammography technology is a significant way we are improving the quality of healthcare for people in the Alberni Valley and the surrounding region," said Josie Osborne, MLA, Mid Island-Pacific Rim. "We will continue to take action to ensure the effective delivery of health-care services and accurate outcome of treatment."

"We are improving access to quality health care for people across the Province, including in rural and remote areas," said Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health. "With this new mammography screening system at WCGH, people in the Alberni Valley will have access to faster and better breast cancer detection."

In addition to tomosynthesis, the new system includes a computer-aided detection software that uses artificial intelligence to highlight areas of concern, acting as a second reader to assist radiologists.

"Investing in advanced breast imaging technology aligns with our commitment to providing exceptional care to the communities we serve," said Leah Hollins, Board Chair of Island Health. "This new mammography system will undoubtedly improve patient outcomes and contribute to our ongoing efforts to enhance breast health services in the region."

"The tomosynthesis feature is a game-changer for breast imaging," said Jana Schwarzenbach, Medical Radiology Tech at WCGH. "With the ability to view the breast in thin slices, we can better differentiate between benign and potentially cancerous findings, reducing the need for additional testing and alleviating patient anxiety."

"We are thrilled to offer this state-of-the-art mammography system to the residents of Port Alberni and surrounding communities," said Trina Gulay, Medical Imaging Manager at WCGH. "The 3D system allows for more accurate detection of breast abnormalities, reducing call backs, and getting patients through the waitlist faster for improved outcomes."

The \$625,000 cost of the project, which included the equipment and facility upgrades, was shared by the provincial government and Island

Health. Key enhancements to the mammography suite included wall protection, new blackout blinds for optimal image quality, and specialized training for technologists.

With the new system in place, WCGH anticipates a continued increase in demand for both screening and diagnostic breast imaging services. In the 2023/2024 fiscal year, WCGH performed 1,612 screening mammograms and 808 diagnostic mammography procedures.

BC Cancer's Breast Screening Program provides free screening mammograms for eligible BC women age 40 and up. More information can be found at [Breast \(bccancer.bc.ca\)](https://bccancer.bc.ca).

*About Island Health:*

*Island Health provides health and care services to more than 885,000 people on Vancouver Island, the islands in the Salish Sea and the Johnstone Strait, and mainland communities north of Powell River. With more than 30,000 health care professionals, including more than 3,000 doctors, nurse practitioners midwives and dentists that make up our Medical Staff – as well as 1,500 volunteers, and the dedicated support of 12 foundations and 19 active auxiliaries, Island Health delivers a broad range of health services, including: public health services, primary health care, home and community care, mental health and substance use services, acute care in hospitals, and much more across a huge and geographically diverse region.*

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