



## Hospital District Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 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.	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b> <i>(immediately following the ACRD Board Meeting)</i>	
	<b>Recognition of Territories.</b>	
	Notice to attendees and delegates that this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District Website.	
2.	<b><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u></b> <i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i>	
3.	<b><u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u></b>	
a.	<b>Board of Directors Meeting – December 13, 2023</b>	3-6
	<i>THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on December 13, 2023 be adopted.</i>	
4.	<b><u>PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS &amp; PRESENTATIONS (10-minute maximum)</u></b>	
5.	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION</u></b>	
6.	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</u></b>	
a.	<b>ISLAND HEALTH</b>	
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*THAT this correspondence be received 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](mailto:responses@acrd.bc.ca)

**12. ADJOURN**



# Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

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

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### DIRECTORS

Debbie Haggard, Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

### PRESENT:

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

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

Kel Roberts, Alternate 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

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation

### REGRETS:

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

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

Levana Mastrangelo, Executive Legislator, Yuułu?it?atḥ 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

Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services

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

<https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/13-12-2023/>

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:04 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 Roberts*

*THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**a. Board of Directors Meeting – November 8, 2023**

*MOVED: Director Cote*

*SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on November 8, 2023 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**a. ISLAND HEALTH**

- News Release – Newly expanded emergency department at West Coast General Hospital ready for patients
- News Release – Introducing voluntary Indigenous self-identification program at all care facilities
- Public Service Announcement – Walk-in availability makes it easy for families to get immunized heading into the holiday season

*MOVED: Director Roberts*

*SECONDED: Director Cote*

*THAT this correspondence be received for information.*

**CARRIED**

**7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS**

**a. Request for Decision regarding Request for Decision 2024-2028 Provisional Budget**

*MOVED: Director Cote*

*SECONDED: Director Roberts*

*THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors give first reading to the bylaw cited as “Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District 2024 to 2028 Provisional Budget No. 136”.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Cote  
SECONDED: Director Sparrow*

*THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors give second reading to the bylaw cited as “Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District 2024 to 2028 Provisional Budget No. 136”.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Cote  
SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors give third reading to the bylaw cited as “Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District 2024 to 2028 Provisional Budget No. 136”.*

**CARRIED**

*MOVED: Director Cote  
SECONDED: Director Cootes*

*THAT the Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors adopt the bylaw cited as “Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District 2024 to 2028 Provisional Budget No. 136”.*

**CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS**

- a. **Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett.** No report.
- b. **West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote** Good discussion about the 40-unit low-cost housing which has turned into a great addition to the community.
- c. **Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors.** No report.
- d. **Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote.** Four new members were appointed to the table of partners including Leslie Wright, Tish Bernard, Helen Zanette, and Michelle Bennett. Need to reappoint Director Vaida for another term if she is interested.
- e. **West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors.** No reports

**f. Other Reports**

*MOVED: Director Cote*  
*SECONDED: Director Sparrow*

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

**CARRIED**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10. LATE BUSINESS**

**11. 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).

**12. ADJOURN**

*MOVED: Director Cote*  
*SECONDED: Director Roberts*

*THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:11 pm.*

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Debbie Haggard,  
Chairperson

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Heather Zenner,  
Manager of Administrative Services



December 13, 2023

John Jack  
3008 Fifth Ave  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3



Dear John Jack,

Please find enclosed the Island Health 2022/2023 Annual Report. The Annual Report provides an overview of programs, services and activities taking place across the organization for the fiscal year 2022/2023.

The report features real-life stories and photos of patients, clients and staff to illustrate the work we do towards our vision to provide excellent health and care for everyone, everywhere, every time. Island Health has made strides delivering on the B.C. Government priority of improving access to and the quality of healthcare services people need, by strengthening primary care, expanding and improving care for seniors, increasing access to mental health and addictions program and services, and reducing wait times for surgery and diagnostics.

To help address priority needs, Island Health is committed to building a strong healthy workforce, and we are also taking action to support the health and wellness of our teams. Island Health is committed to embedding cultural safety and humility into the delivery of all health and care services. We are on an ongoing learning journey to eliminate systemic racism, increase Indigenous representation, and promote a 'speak-up' culture where staff and patients feel safe to report racism they witness or experience.

If you wish to share this report within your network, you can find it online at <http://viha.uberflip.com/i/1512348-island-health-2023-annual-report>

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in health and care.

Sincerely,

Leah Hollins

Board Chair, Island Health Board of Directors

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 3, 2024

### West Coast General Hospital to introduce cutting-edge CT scanner

**Port Alberni** — West Coast General Hospital (WCGH) is taking a significant step towards advancing patient care by introducing a new, state-of-the-art Computed Tomography (CT) scanner in early 2024 that will provide advanced medical diagnostics and exceptional care for people living in Port Alberni and surrounding communities.

"People in Port Alberni and surrounding areas will soon have access to a new CT scanner, increasing access to innovative health care and improved technology for many close to home," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "By working with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital District and the Island Health Authority, we are demonstrating our commitment to working together to strengthen our health care system."

The rollout of the CT scanner at WCGH marks a significant investment in health-care innovation. The new equipment will replace the aging equipment currently in use, ensuring upgraded technology for improved diagnostic accuracy and patient outcomes.

"This initiative reflects our unwavering dedication to elevating patient care and health services at West Coast General Hospital," said Leah Hollins, Island Health Board Chair. "We are fully committed to delivering innovative health-care solutions that will directly benefit the well being of patients."

"Having access to a new CT scanner is welcome news for the people living in the Alberni Valley and on the West Coast," said Josie Osborne, MLA for Mid Island-Pacific Rim. "This is technology that can help health care providers diagnose and plan treatments for patients, and knowing it's accessible close to home will provide peace of mind for residents and strengthen health care services for the entire region."

"The new CT scanner uses cutting-edge technology that will allow us to do state-of-the-art scanning for cardiac and neurology applications - things that we currently don't offer at WCGH," said Dr. Brent Carson, Island Health radiologist and medical lead for medical imaging at WCGH.

Alexandra Melanson, medical imaging lead at WCGH and Tofino General Hospital, echoed Carson's thoughts. "Previously, patients endured long waits and travel for these scans. Now, we're pleased to provide this specialized service in the West Coast community, minimizing travel and wait times."

Melanson is also enthusiastic about the benefits the new scanner will have, particularly for cardiac computed tomography angiography.

"With this method, we can see the heart's blood vessels in real-time by injecting contrast into your arm and performing a specially timed CT scan. This approach, unlike traditional angiograms that involve lying on a table and inserting equipment into a patients' vessels, is less intrusive for patients and serves as a valuable addition to a physician's toolkit for identification and treatment decisions."

The \$2.27 million project is being cost shared between the Ministry of Health (\$1.26 million), the Alberni Clayoquot Regional Hospital District (\$840,000) and Island Health (\$170,000).

"It is essential that people who live in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District have access to the best health care possible without having to leave the region," said Deb Haggard, chair of the ACRHD. "CT scans can save lives, and we are so excited to support the addition of a new



state-of-the-art CT Scanner at West Coast General Hospital.”

Renovations are also underway in the CT scanner room, including new lighting, flooring and ceiling replacement and updates to wall finishes. Carson said these renovations will further improve patient experience. "Mood lighting and comfort enhancements will create a less anxiety-provoking experience for our patients," he said.

A temporary mobile CT scanner trailer is on-site throughout construction to maintain uninterrupted patient care.

A CT scanner, also commonly known as a CAT scan, is a medical imaging device that utilizes X-rays and advanced computer processing to produce intricate cross-sectional images of the body's internal structures.

In the fiscal year 2022/23, a total of 5,809 CT scans were conducted at WCGH, averaging approximately 447 scans per month. Looking forward to the projected estimates for the year 2023/24, it's anticipated that around 8,641 CT scans will be performed annually, with an average of approximately 665 scans each month.

“It's a significantly faster, more accurate scan which allows our technologists more time with patients,” said Carson. "The local medical community is ecstatic that these advancements are on the horizon for our community."

The project is on track to meet its scheduled completion date of February 29, 2024.

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***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 1,000 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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