



Hospital District Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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

Regular Agenda

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3.	<u>DECLARATIONS</u> <i>(conflict of interest)</i>	
4.	<u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u>	
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- For parents, from a parent: nine poison prevention tips from an ICU doctor

THAT this correspondence be received for information.

8. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

a. Request for Decision

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Reallocation of Island Health Funds

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District (ACRHD) Board of Directors approve the reallocation of the funds committed to the Tofino General Hospital Admitting Triage Project to the Tofino General Hospital Crisis Quiet Room project.

9. REPORTS

- Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett
- Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – V. Siga
- West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote
- Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors
- Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote/V Siga
- West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors
- Other Reports

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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. LATE BUSINESS

12. 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

13. ADJOURN



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

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

DIRECTORS

Debbie Haggard, Chair, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

PRESENT:

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)

Moriah Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation

REGRETS:

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

Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer

Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services

Heather Zenner, Manager of Administrative Services

Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community 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/8-5-2024/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:29 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 Cootes

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – April 10, 2024

MOVED: Director Sparrow
SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on April 10, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. ISLAND HEALTH

- Grant gives Indigenous Youth a Fighting Chance Through Boxing
- Reflections from the Frontline on the 8th Anniversary of the Toxic Drug Crisis

MOVED: Director Sparrow
SECONDED: Director Cootes

THAT this correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

8. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

a. Request for Decision regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District 2023 Financial Statements.

MOVED: Director Sparrow
SECONDED: Director Johnsen

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors approve the 2023 Audited Financial Statements for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District as presented.

CARRIED

9. 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 – D. Haggard.** On April 12, ACRD Chair Jack and Hospital Chair Haggard, representatives from District of Tofino and District of Ucluelet met with Island Health. Discussed the late request for funding for the Ucluelet Primary Care Centre and the Tofino Sobering and Assessment Centre. Indicated that the Board supported the proposed projects, but the funding request came too late in the budget process. Requested long term project plan for projects to avoid these surprises in the future. Island Health is open to negotiating the 40% contribution rate from the Regional District, acknowledging that other items will need to be removed from the budget to make up the difference. The rationale for providing housing and childcare spaces attached to the Sobering and Assessment Centre is to support the recruitment of medical personnel. Understand that Island Health is now having conversations with Tofino Housing Corporation and hope that the housing corporation will partner with BC Builds to cover the cost of housing.

On April 17, Hospital Chair Haggard attended a community meeting with Island Health in Tofino. Listened to challenges faced by Tofino community members in accessing health care. On April 29, Hospital Chair Haggard and Daniel Sailland attended a regional meeting with Island Health, along with other chairs and CAO's. It was a sharing of information throughout the Island of challenges that communities are facing and things that are working well. Island Health talked about project they are currently working on, including the Nanaimo Cancer Center and the hospital build in Cowichan. On May 2nd Hospital Chair Haggard, Directors Boyko and Sparrow attended the West Coast General Hospital celebration to thank its donors.

Director Roth left the meeting at 4:35 pm.

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.

13. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Sparrow

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 4:38 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Debbie Haggard,
Chairperson

Heather Zenner,
Manager of Administrative Services

From: [Island Health Communication \[ISLH\]](#)
To: [Island Health Communication \[ISLH\]](#)
Subject: Island Health news release: For parents, from a parent: nine poison prevention tips from an ICU doctor
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 3, 2024

For parents, from a parent: nine poison prevention tips from an ICU doctor

ISLAND-WIDE - An Island Health ICU doctor is encouraging parents to be aware of potential poisoning risks in the home, this Safe Kids Week, June 3 to 9.

Dr. Daniel Ovakim, ICU physician at Victoria General and Royal Jubilee Hospitals, is raising awareness of poisoning injuries and sharing actions parents and caregivers can take.

“There are many potential poisons in our homes, such as medications, household cleaners, plants, and cannabis products,” said Dr. Ovakim, who also works as a toxicologist for the BC Drug and Poison Information Centre (DPIC). “The frustrating part is that most poisonings are preventable.”

Nearly 10,000 (9,623) poisonings in children five and under were reported to the BC Drug and Poison Information Centre (DPIC) in the Island Health region over the last five years (2019-2023). Most poisonings in children happen just before lunch and before dinner when children are hungry and least supervised.

Pain medication is the number one cause of poisonings in the region, with 1,112 incidents reported. Child-resistant packaging is required by law for certain medications, like Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen, but a small percentage of children are still able to open the containers.

Dr. Ovakim said, “Though bottles are labelled as child-proof, they are child-proof for most children, not all children. It is best to use small containers that only have small doses so if a child does break into a container, there is a less toxic amount.”

While less frequent, poisonings involving cannabis can be very serious. There were 99 incidents reported with half requiring healthcare. Cannabis edibles can have a more toxic effect than other forms as they can be very potent, and when edibles resemble common snacks like brownies and gummy bears, a young child may not be able to tell the difference.

“Cannabis edibles are becoming more common, especially since legalization, and with packaging that may appeal to kids,” said Dr. Ovakim. “There’s the notion that cannabis is safe but in the doses that are available in edibles and potency we are seeing now, it is definitely not safe for younger kids. We’ve seen children in the ICU on a ventilator after ingesting cannabis products.”

Batteries are also to blame for more serious poisonings, causing life-threatening internal chemical burns in as little as two hours. There were 55 poisonings reported and more than half required healthcare. Many of these cases involved small, disc-shaped button batteries, commonly used to power toys, watches, hearing aids and car key fobs.

Dr. Ovakim said, “As a parent myself, I know how easy it is to get distracted and we can’t always be around, and kids can be very clever. Being a toxicologist I am more familiar with the risks, and I have educated my kids in what to watch for and what things to avoid. Teaching our children can go a long way in avoiding poisonings.”

Other common items at home that are known to cause poisonings in children include; alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarette products, household cleaners (like bleach); vitamins; laundry detergent; personal care products like nail polish; car supplies like washer fluid; pesticides; and certain plants.

The BC Poison Control Centre is available 24 hours every day for advice and information.

For suspected poisonings, call [604-682-5050](tel:604-682-5050) or [1-800-567-8911](tel:1-800-567-8911). If the person loses consciousness or has difficulty breathing, call **9-1-1**.

POISON PREVENTION TIPS FOR MEDICATION AND CANNABIS:

- Always store medicine or cannabis packages, bottles of pills or syrups, locked up high, out of sight and out of reach of children.
- Never refer to medicine as candy.
- Keep products in their original containers, to help you remember the type and dose.
- Keep all products in child-resistant packaging.
- When visitors come to your home, keep their belongings out of your child's reach. And when your children visit others' homes, such as grandparents, relay these tips to the hosts and keep your eye out for potential risks.
- Avoid using cannabis products and e-cigarettes in front of children. Children often want to do the same things their parents and caregivers do.

POISON PREVENTION TIPS FOR BATTERIES:

- Consider whether you can reduce the number of consumer products you bring into your home that use button batteries
- If you bring consumer products into your home that use these batteries, ensure the products' battery compartment is secure and requires a tool like a screwdriver to access the button battery)
- Treat button batteries like any other form of poison and keep them in a locked cabinet out of reach of children. Be sure to secure new batteries in their package, as well as dead batteries since they can still cause a chemical burn.

Parachute Safe Kids Week is an annual awareness campaign designed to bring attention to predictable and preventable injuries in children.

FOR MORE TIPS AND RESOURCES VISIT:

[Parachute Canada Safe Kids Week – Parachute HealthLinkBC Preventing Poisoning in Young Children | HealthLink BC](#)

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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To: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

From: Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Chief Financial Officer

Meeting Date: June 12, 2024

Subject: Reallocation of Island Health Funds

Recommendation:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District (ACRHD) Board of Directors approve the reallocation of the funds committed to the Tofino General Hospital Admitting Triage Project to the Tofino General Hospital Crisis Quiet Room project.

Desired Outcome:

To address Island Health’s request for the reallocation of funds.

Summary:

Island Health representative Jesse Tarbotton, Director, Major Capital Planning, reached out to staff on May 31, 2024, requesting that the Hospital District Board consider approving a reallocation of funds from the Tofino General Hospital (TGH) Admitting Triage Project to the TGH’s Crisis Quiet Room Project. Island Health has decided to not proceed further with the Admitting Triage Project whereas the Crisis Quiet Room Project has apparently experienced significant cost escalation. To date, the RHD has committed the following funding for the ACRHD’s share of these two projects:

Project	2021 Budget	2023 Budget	Total
TGH Admitting Triage Project	\$39,600	\$36,809	\$76,409
TGH Crisis Quiet Room Project	\$39,600	\$12,612	\$52,212
Total	\$79,200	\$49,421	\$128,621

The request is to reallocate the \$76,409 originally requested for the Admitting Triage Project to the Crisis Quiet Room Project. No financial plan amendments are required for this reallocation as the applicable budget bylaws include the total funding allocation to Island Health only and does not include a detailed project listing. The ACRHD Board approving project changes by resolution ensures communication between the ACRHD and Island Health regarding projects at the region’s hospital facilities.

Time Requirements – Staff & Elected Officials:

Staff estimate approximately 3 hours to process and respond to this request.

Financial:

There are no financial implications to this request as Island Health is not requesting an increase in funding just a reallocation from one project to another.

Policy or Legislation:

The funding for these projects are part of Bylaw 131 – ACRHD Annual Budget for the Year 2021 and Bylaw 135 – ACRHD Annual Budget for the Year 2023.

Options Considered:

The ACRHD Board could deny Island Health’s request however staff do not recommend this option as then there is a chance that both projects do not proceed.

Submitted by: Teri Fong
Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed by: Cynthia Dick
Cynthia Dick, General Manager of Administrative Services

Approved by: Daniel Sailland
Daniel Sailland, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer