



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing and will be livestreamed on the ACRD website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/12-5-2021/>

Public Attendance: the public are welcome to attend the meeting via Zoom Webinar by registering at: https://portalberni.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DqfvsvST-u9o7Qt0luFsw

AGENDA

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1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> <i>(immediately following the ACRD Board Meeting)</i>	
Recognition of Territories.	
Notice to attendees and delegates that this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed to YouTube on the Regional District Website.	
2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> <i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i>	
3. <u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u>	
a. Board of Directors Meeting – April 14, 2021	3-6
<i>THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on April 14, 2021 be adopted.</i>	
4. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</u>	
a. Town of View Royal regarding Request for Authority and Training for Hospital Security Staff	7
<i>THAT this correspondence be received for information.</i>	
5. <u>REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS</u>	
a. REQUEST FOR DECISION Revisions to the Hospital District Act (HDA)	8-10

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors approve sending the attached letter to the Minister of Health, Honourable Adrian Dix, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors.

6. REPORTS

- a. Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett
- b. Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – J. McNabb
- 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.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. LATE BUSINESS

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions/Comments from the public participating in the Zoom meeting.

Questions/Comments from the Public, respecting an agenda item, can be emailed to the ACRD at responses@acrd.bc.ca and will be read out by the Corporate Officer at the meeting.

10. IN CAMERA

Motion to close the meeting to the public as per the Community Charter, section:

- i. 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public.*

11. REPORT OUT - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-CAMERA

12. ADJOURN



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, meeting conducted via Zoom video/phone conferencing

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John McNabb, Chairperson, Director, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
John Jack, Vice-Chairperson, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation
Bob Beckett, Director, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)
Tanya Shannon, Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)
Kel Roberts, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)
Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
Dianne Bodnar, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni
Ron Paulson, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino
Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government
Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation

REGRETS: Rachelle Cole, Councillor, District of Ucluelet
Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, YuułuꞀiꞀath Government

STAFF PRESENT: Douglas Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer
Teri Fong, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Irg, General Manager of Planning and Development
Jenny Brunn, General Manager of Community Services
Wendy Thomson, General Manager of Administrative Services

The meeting can be viewed on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/events/14-4-2021/>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:27 pm.

The Chairperson recognized the meeting this afternoon 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 Shannon

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – March 10, 2021

MOVED: Director Shannon

SECONDED: Director Bodnar

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District meeting held on March 10, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

a. PEACE RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Regional Hospital Boards – Responsibility for Capital Costs

Letters sent to the following Ministries:

- Honourable Selina Robinson – Minister of Finance
- Honourable Rob Fleming – Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Honourable George Heyman – Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Honourable Josie Osborne – Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Honourable Bowinn Ma – Minister of State for Infrastructure

MOVED: Director Jack

SECONDED: Director Stere

THAT this correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

5. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

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

MOVED: Director Stere

SECONDED: Director Bodnar

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors approve the 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District as presented.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a. Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett

Director Beckett reported the community of Bamfield received 235 vaccinations last week.

b. Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society – J. McNabb

Chairperson McNabb provided an update on the Society. Echo Village has received \$300,000 funding from the Provincial Government to fix their roof. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect their budget with increased expenses. Director Paulson reported the Society is in the process of looking at some visitations at the two facilities with very strict regulations. Over 90% of both facilities including staff have been vaccinated.

c. West Coast Native Health Care Society – P. Cote – No Report

d. Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors

Director Stere reported the trauma room updates have commenced and should be completed by May long weekend. He discussed concerns with most of the beds at the facility being taken up by long term patients who are waiting for continuing long term care. The large weight times for continuing care beds is a big concern.

e. Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network – P. Cote – No Report

f. West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors

The Chair reported he continues to try and find more information regarding where they are at with awarding the contract for the emergency room project at the Hospital.

g. Other Reports

MOVED: Director Shannon

SECONDED: Director Roberts

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

CARRIED

7. **LATE BUSINESS**

8. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions/Comments from the public. The Corporate Officer advised there were no questions or comments from the public respecting an agenda topic from Zoom webinar attendees or submissions received by email at responses@acrd.bc.ca.

9. **ADJOURN**

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Paulson

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 3:38 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

John McNabb,
Chairperson

Wendy Thomson,
General Manager of Administrative Services



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April 1, 2021

Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

VIA EMAIL: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan:

RE: Request for Authority and Training for Hospital Security Staff

It has come to the attention of View Royal Council that there is an excessive use of police resources in hospital emergency waiting rooms as officers must remain with persons apprehended under section 28 of the *Mental Health Act Act* until the individual is transferred to the care of a physician. This requirement sees costly police resources tied up in emergency waiting rooms often for lengthy periods of time.

As such, we are requesting that hospital security staff be given the authority and necessary training to take custody of patients apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* on arrival at the hospital.

Allowing hospital security staff to assume this role from police officers would not only provide a less costly approach for taxpayers, but would also ease the burden on police resources, enabling them to provide timely services where they are needed in the community.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David Screech
Mayor

cc. Hon. David Eby, Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing
Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Hon. Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
All UBCM Municipalities



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Regional Hospital District Board of Directors
From: Douglas Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer
Meeting Date: May 12, 2021
Subject: Revisions to Hospital District Act (HDA)

Recommendation:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors approve sending the attached letter to the Minister of Health, Honourable Adrian Dix, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Summary:

Regional Hospital Districts within the Island Health Region have been discussing an update to the archaic Hospital District Act (HDA) for some time. Several elected and appointed officials met on Monday, May 3rd with officials from Island Health and on the agenda was a draft letter prepared by the Capital Regional District. Attached is an updated version of that letter to reflect additional points raised at the meeting.

Because this affects most (but not all Regional Districts), we agreed to share it around the Province encouraging other Regional Districts to include this on their RHD agendas and submit their own letter to the Minister of Health.

It was further suggested by an Island Health official that any examples to support the suggested legislative changes would be helpful to illustrate the need for the legislative update and modernization of the relationship between the RHDs and the Province through the Health Authorities. Staff will consider what ACRHD examples may be appropriate for this letter.

Financial:

N/A

Strategic Plan Implications:

The letter supports the ACRD Strategic Plan, Partnerships and Alignment, while aligning our efforts towards common goals.

Policy or Legislation:

Hospital District Act

Submitted by: _____
Douglas Holmes, BBA, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer



May 13, 2021

Sent via email

Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Health

Re: Revisions to Hospital District Act (HDA)

Further to our collaboration with the Vancouver Island Regional Hospital Districts (RHDs) we are advancing our concerns regarding current HDA legislation and the need for it to be updated. We understand from our colleagues and partners that there has been a variety of correspondence with the Ministry of Health on this issue since the 2003 Ministry of Health review and the issue is only becoming of greater concern.

In 2016, Deputy Minister Brown agreed amendments to the HDA would bring it into closer alignment with current practices and policies, noting that the Ministry would seek to consult with RHDs likely in 2017 and 2018. Regrettably, RHDs have not been engaged on this matter as suggested and upon enquiry in 2019, were disappointed to be advised that consideration of proposed amendments to the HDA were not a priority at that time.

Specific concerns and suggested amendments raised by RHDs thus far include:

- Eliminating the need for Ministry sign off on designation of facilities that can be cost-shared by RHDs;
- Eliminating the need for consultation with the Ministry on capital bylaws.
- Providing RHD Boards with the power to designate signing authority to staff, similar to Regional District legislation.
- Matching funding eligibility language around project and operational needs to current practices; and
- Broadening restrictive language of "hospitals and hospital facilities".
- Provisions to reduce RHD share in special circumstances such as funding a tertiary care facility with a broad spectrum serving multiple regions.

We feel this would serve to increase our efficiencies, meet the increasing demand on our funding and administrative resources and strengthen our relationship with health care partners in British Columbia.

We must observe, Honourable Minister, the exemplary leadership you have provided and continue to provide in responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We also acknowledge that this work continues as we prepare this correspondence. In moving forward, we ask that you prioritize for your staff the need to work with RHDs on planning a session to discuss HDA amendments as a priority in 2021.

Specifically, we wish to emphasize the importance of including RHD representatives in the legislative review. In this way we can strengthen our partnership in the provision health facilities throughout British Columbia.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

John McNabb, Chair
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

cc: Island Health
cc: Regional Hospital Districts