



Hospital District Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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

Introductions around the Board Table.

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 13, 2021**

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THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Board of Directors held on October 13, 2021 be adopted.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Correspondence October 15, 2021 from Ministry of Health, Island Health and West Coast General Hospital Foundation regarding West Coast General Hospital emergency department expansion begins.**

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THAT this correspondence be received for information.

5. **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.

6. **LATE BUSINESS**

7. **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

8. **ADJOURN**



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

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

- 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
Rachelle Cole, Councillor, District of Ucluelet
Wilfred Cootes, Councillor, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government
Tom Stere, Councillor, District of Tofino
- REGRETS:** Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, Yuułuꞑitꞑath Government
Kirsten Johnsen, Councillor, Toquaht Nation
- STAFF PRESENT:** Teri Fong, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Tricia Bryant, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Mike Irg, General Manager of Development Services
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 www.acrd.bc.ca/events/13-10-2021/

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:27 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 Shannon

SECONDED: Director Roberts

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Board of Directors Meeting – September 8, 2021

MOVED: Director Shannon

SECONDED: Director Beckett

THAT the minutes of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District meeting held on September 8, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

5. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

6. REPORTS

a. Bamfield Health Centre – B. Beckett

Director Beckett reported there have been some positive COVID cases recently in the Bamfield community. The community has been notified that the Health Centre is able to test on site.

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

Director McNabb provided a brief update on the Society.

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

d. Tofino General Hospital – West Coast Directors

Director Stere reported there was a COVID outbreak at the Hospital and noted the Hospital is still open. He reported on a meeting he is having next Friday with the Tofino General Hospital Sub Committee regarding health care delivery service on the West Coast.

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

f. West Coast General Hospital – Alberni Valley Directors

Director McNabb reported he attended the ground-breaking at the Hospital for the emergency room expansion project last Friday.

g. Other Reports

MOVED: Director Shannon

SECONDED: Director Jack

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 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.

9. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Paulson

SECONDED: Director Roberts

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 4:34 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

John McNabb,
Chairperson

Wendy Thomson,
General Manager of Administrative Services

UPDATE

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Ministry of Health
Island Health
West Coast General Hospital Foundation

West Coast General Hospital emergency department expansion begins

PORT ALBERNI – Construction is underway to expand the emergency department at West Coast General Hospital to support improvements to patient care and privacy for people in the region.

“West Coast General Hospital is an important part of the community for residents in the area, including Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, Bamfield, HupaÇasath and Tseshaht First Nations, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Huu-ay-aht and Ditidaht First Nations, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, Toquaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ahousaht and Hesquiaht First Nations,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “The work underway will help relieve the congestion of this very busy hospital that sees more than 25,000 patient visits to the emergency department each year.”

The redevelopment will include a 244-square-metre (2,626 square feet) expansion. Improvements will feature three new patient exam beds, extra space for patients awaiting tests and results, improvements to the triage and admitting area, and a dedicated entrance for ambulances.

A private, safe seclusion room for patients in need of emergency mental health care will also be included. Currently, patients who are agitated or violent and need emergency mental health care are located in an assessment room near the waiting area. A seclusion room will provide added security and privacy.

“It’s exciting to see this project underway to upgrade the emergency department,” said Josie Osborne, MLA for Mid Island-Pacific Rim. “The work being done will improve patient privacy and make it easier for small family groups and support people to accompany their loved ones during what are often stressful times for people.”

The cost is shared between the provincial government, which is providing \$2.55 million, West Coast General Hospital Foundation, which has pledged \$2 million, and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District, which will contribute \$1.7 million.

Kinetic Construction will lead the project construction for the emergency department expansion, which is expected to be ready for patients in December 2022.

The West Coast General Hospital opened in 2001 and has 52 beds.

Quotes:

Shelia Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions –

“For people who need mental-health care in Port Alberni, Tofino and the surrounding communities, the expansion of the West Coast General Hospital emergency department will be

a game changer, as we are doing this work with them front of mind. Together, we're building a system where treatment for mental health is on par with any other health condition. I'm grateful to everyone involved in making this development a reality."

Leah Hollins, board chair, Island Health –

"Reconciliation begins with understanding the experiences of Indigenous peoples accessing health and care services. By listening with an open heart, we gain understanding for what steps we need to take for true reconciliation. The new emergency department will incorporate our shared learnings to create a space where every patient is treated with honour, respect and dignity."

Dr. Robert O'Dwyer, board president and Ellen Brown Everard, vice-president, West Coast General Hospital Foundation –

"The West Coast General Hospital Foundation is proud to be part of this improvement to the hospital, and we are so grateful for every contribution we have received. The emergency department at West Coast General Hospital has conscientious, competent and caring service providers, who have been working in an overcrowded space for many years. It is so exciting to have this eagerly anticipated upgrade to our community hospital come to fruition. Once again, the citizens of this 'town with a heart' have come through and helped make Port Alberni a better place to live. Our thanks to everyone involved."

Chris Francey, business director, West Coast General Hospital Foundation –

"Expanding and improving the emergency department at West Coast General Hospital is going to make a big difference for our community. The West Coast General Hospital Foundation has pledged \$2 million because we believe it is the right thing to do for all of the families who will need the services of this hospital in the future."

John McNabb, chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District –

"The emergency department is a busy place, and the Regional Hospital District is very pleased to support this renovation. We know it will greatly benefit patients in the years to come."

Learn More:

For video, visit: <https://vimeo.com/631200542>

For photos: <https://flic.kr/p/2mAud3i>

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