



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Tony Bennett, Hira Chopra, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, Dianne St. Jacques, NTC Representative: Kelly Poirier.

Staff: Robert A. Harper, Administrator, Wendy Thomson, Administrative Assistant, Rick Stuckenberg, Manager of Planning and Development, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services.

Other: Inspector Gordon Wellar, Officer in Charge, Port Alberni RCMP Detachment.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mr. Bill Markin be invited to address the Regional Hospital District Board of Directors."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Markin gave Directors copies of a newspaper article "Supreme Court Rules Government User Fees Constitute Illegal Tax" and spoke to the article. Mr. Markin said this is a good news story, there is a five billion dollar surplus in Medicare. Mr. Markin said he has been working on this for 3 years now. He discussed double taxation by the government.

4. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Markin for his presentation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the minutes from the regular Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"



COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

6. Correspondence dated January 5, 2007 from the Provincial Health Services Authority regarding PHSA Working with Vancouver Island Health Authority. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

REPORTS

7. Director Edwards reported on the Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society meeting held on February 6th. The name for the new extended care facility is Heritage Place and they have a new nursing call system that will work together with the system at Echo Village.
8. Director Cote provided an update on the West Coast Native Health Care Society. She attended a retreat recently, topics of discussion included the future expansion of Rainbow Gardens and issues relating to native health care.
9. Director St. Jacques reported on a Coastal Community Health Care Committee meeting held on February 6th. She said there serious nursing and doctor shortages at Tofino General Hospital. Director St. Jacques said the nursing shortage is very serious. They have had to close the hospital once in the past six months because there were no nurses and they have come very close to closing on many other occasions. Director St. Jacques said it's a huge process to close the hospital. She said the Vancouver Island Health Authority needs to be contacted as soon as possible to address these serious issues. The Coastal Community Health Care Committee has hired a project consultant to work with the people to do a service review to give to VIHA. Director St. Jacques said they have heard nothing about the service review promised by the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Discussions ensued.
10. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. S. Jacques, "That the Board of Directors forward a letter to the Vancouver Island Health Authority requesting they take part in the Coastal Community Health Care Committee's service delivery review for Tofino General Hospital."

"Carried"

11. The Chairperson reported on a meeting he attending with Howard Waldner, CEO and other Vancouver Island Health Authority representatives on January 29th in Nanaimo. He asked about the Tofino General Hospital and was advised that VIHA did visit the site recently and they are aware of the problems. The Chairperson also asked for time lines on the CT scanner equipment for West Coast General Hospital. Mr. Waldner recommended at the Regional Hospital District get letters of support for the equipment from municipalities and first nations in the region. Director McRae said the equipment was already promised by the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Discussions ensued.
12. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by K. McRae, "That staff be instructed to arrange a meeting with Dr. Smecher, Director St. Jacques, Fraser and Bennett as soon as possible to discuss the immediate concerns with the nursing shortage at Tofino General Hospital."

"Carried"
13. Director Bennett left the meeting at 4:13 p.m.
14. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by J. Fraser, "That all the verbal reports be received for information."

"Carried"
15. Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Board of Directors forward a letter of congratulations to the Ty Watson House on reaching an agreement with the Vancouver Island Health Authority for operational funding for Ty Watson House."

"Carried"
16. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Board of Directors forward letters to the City of Port Alberni, District of Tofino, District of Ucluelet and First Nations in the region requesting they forward letters of support to the Vancouver Island Health Authority for CT scanner equipment for West Coast General Hospital."

"Carried"
17. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by K. McRae, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

18. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator