



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, Alternate Director: Cindy Solda.

Regrets: Directors: Tony Bennett, Dianne St. Jacques, Hira Chopra.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2. Moved by Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Ms. Bev Denning, Chairperson, Port Alberni SOS Committee be invited to address the Board of Directors."

"Carried"

3. Ms. Denning said things have been very quiet for the SOS Committee. The Committee is now out of hibernation mode in response to Howard Walder's letter to Mayor Ken McRae dated March 16, 2007 regarding health care services in Port Alberni. Ms. Denning outlined some of the inaccuracies in Mr. Walder's letter. She said VIHA has made a decision, without consultation, to virtually close the supply room at West Coast General Hospital, shifting the supply centre to Nanaimo. Ms. Denning discussed the emergency preparedness concerns with this shift. Ms. Denning said the other ongoing issue is the nine beds at West Coast General Hospital. The hospital has been over-census every day in 2007. Patients are staying in emergency or ambulatory care, often on stretchers. The nine beds were formerly acute-care, now they are being used for alternate care beds. Ms. Denning said more long-term care beds are needed in order to free up the acute care beds. Ms. Denning said Chemo is gone from West Coast General Hospital and patients are now required to travel to Nanaimo for Chemo treatment. She asked the Board where things were at with the CAT Scan equipment and who has the money that was raised by local charities for the equipment. Ms. Denning said asked Directors where things were at with the Equipment Review Committee, they haven't met in a couple of years. Ms. Denning answered questions from Directors.



4. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Regional Hospital District forward a letter to Jac Kruet, Chairperson, Vancouver Island Health Authority requesting a meeting between the Regional Hospital District and Howard Waldner, CEO, VIHA to discuss health care services issues in the region."

"Carried"

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by C. Solda, "That the minutes from the regular Board of Directors meeting held on March 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

6. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the minutes from the Special Board of Directors meeting held on March 28, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

7. Letter dated April 2, 2007 from Tsawaayuus (Rainbow Gardens) requesting a letter of support to ensure that Pathways Systems includes First Nations as an option.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Board of Directors forward a letter to Caitlin Davis, Vancouver Island Health Authority requesting that First Nations be included as a listed option on the Pathways Internet System."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Vancouver Island Health Authority re: 2007/08 Projects and Equipment Funding, re: Health Care Services in Port Alberni, re: News Release - Area Residents to Benefit from End-of-Life Care at Ty Watson House, CEO Update, News Release - Ground Breaking for New Residential Care Facility in Duncan, re: News Release - Ground Breaking for



New Residential Care Facility in Campbell River, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Ministry of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing and Vancouver Island Health Authority re: News Release - \$10.8 Supportive Housing Opens in Campbell River, District of Ucluelet re: West Coast General Hospital - CT Scanner Equipment, District of Tofino re: CT Scanner Equipment at West Coast General Hospital and City of Port Alberni re: CT Scanner Equipment.”

“Carried”

REPORTS

9. Director Edwards provided an update on the Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society. The new assisted living apartment building, Heritage Place, opens this weekend. Directors and staff are invited to take a tour of the facility on Thursday or Friday this week. The Society will be holding a volunteer recognition night this month. Volunteers are very important to the Society, assisting with feeding patients and running various programs.
10. Director Fraser reported that the West Coast Health Committee is meeting with Grant Hollet, VIHA tomorrow. Mr. Hollet has been very cooperative and the Committee is looking forward to meeting with him. Director Fraser will provide an update at the next Hospital District meeting.
11. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, “That these verbal reports be received for information.”

“Carried”

NEW BUSINESS

12. Staff were instructed to arrange a meeting with Glenn Wong, Chairperson, Bev Denning, SOS Committee Chair, Mayor Ken McRae, Mayor John Fraser, Mayor Dianne St. Jacques, Director Cote, Dr. Smecher, Chief of Staff, WCGH, West Coast General Hospital Foundation Chair and the Equipment Review Committee to discuss health services issues in the region and set priorities.
13. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by S. Ochman, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”



14. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator