



WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Spotlight

May 2012

INTERIOR HEALTH CEO & CHAIR ATTEND MEETING

Dr. Robert Halpenny, President and CEO of Interior Health (left), along with Mr. Norman



Embree, Board Chair of IH (right), were special guests at a packed West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting held May 23rd in Grand Forks.

“Quality is Interior Health’s guiding principle,” Dr. Halpenny said. “Our challenge is to provide equitable services in a geographically diverse region of numerous communities.”

Dr. Halpenny and Mr. Embree gave a presentation on the organization’s history, mandate, goals and recent accomplishments, such as technological upgrades, reduced administration costs, cardiac care initiatives and better access to health care. The latter achievement is due in part to a dedicated helicopter, which is improving access to care for critical patients.

Earlier in the day, Interior Health announced that a **heliport** would be constructed at the Boundary Hospital thanks to a generous donation from the Clifton family.

The heliport, scheduled for completion in 2013, will provide a vital link between the Grand Forks facility and larger hospitals in Trail and Kelowna.

Dr. Halpenny acknowledged the excellent team of health care professionals at Boundary Hospital and also thanked the WKBRHD for its partnership and collaboration on health care funding.

The WKBRHD would like to thank Dr. Halpenny, Mr. Embree, Interior Health Staff and members of the public for attending the meeting in Grand Forks.

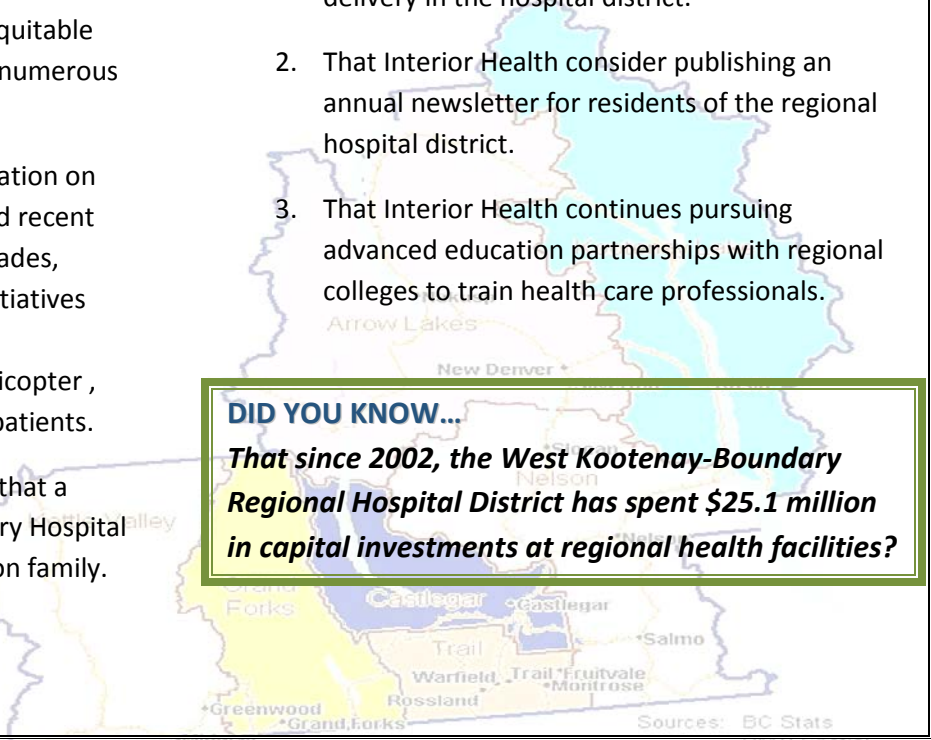
WKBRHD MESSAGE TO INTERIOR HEALTH

At the May 23rd Board meeting, WKBRHD Chair Marguerite Rotvold told Dr. Halpenny and Mr. Embree that the Board’s top three priorities were:

1. That Interior Health initiate a facility study in the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District at the earliest opportunity in order to determine the range of options for health care delivery in the hospital district.
2. That Interior Health consider publishing an annual newsletter for residents of the regional hospital district.
3. That Interior Health continues pursuing advanced education partnerships with regional colleges to train health care professionals.

DID YOU KNOW...

That since 2002, the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District has spent \$25.1 million in capital investments at regional health facilities?



Sources: BC Stats
DWH Spatial

UPDATE ON FUNDS FOR KASLO HEALTH FACILITY



In the last issue of *Spotlight*, it was reported that the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board of Directors had requested that Interior Health consider contributing \$300,000 toward improvements to the Victorian Community Health Centre in Kaslo. After having learned that a donor had bequeathed \$500,000 to the facility, the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District committed funding of \$200,000 on the condition that Interior Health provide funding as well. Interior Health replied that it is not able to fund the facility at this time, as capital requests exceed the Authority's available funding.

The WKBRHD Board of Directors resolved to defer the matter of requesting funding from Interior Health for the Kaslo facility upgrade to the next round of IH budget deliberations.

SPECIAL GUEST AT OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Andrew Neuner, Interior Health Vice President--Community Integration will present a portfolio update at the October 24, 2012 WKBRHD Board meeting in Nakusp at the Auditorium. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend.

If any community groups wish to make a presentation to the hospital board at the meeting, please contact Anitra Winje before October 15th at 250.352.8166 or awinje@rdck.bc.ca.

WKBRHD BOARD TOURS BOUNDARY HOSPITAL

On May 23rd, the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board and Staff toured the Boundary Hospital.

It was an opportunity for the Board to see firsthand the services offered at this site, to learn about the equipment needed at the facility and to ask questions of Cindy Crane, acute health services administrator at the hospital.

The Board also toured Hardy View Lodge (Sunshine Manor). This 80-bed, five-wing facility offers residents varying levels of care, depending on their needs.

For more information on the Lodge, please visit: [http://www.interiorhealth.ca/FindUs/_layouts/FindUs/service.aspx?svcloc=Hardy View Lodge \(Sunshine Manor\)](http://www.interiorhealth.ca/FindUs/_layouts/FindUs/service.aspx?svcloc=Hardy View Lodge (Sunshine Manor))



UPCOMING 2012 BOARD MEETINGS

Oct. 24 6 p.m. Nakusp Auditorium
Nov. 21 6 p.m. Castlegar Community Complex

The public is invited to attend Board meetings.

POLICIES

The WKBRHD Board of Directors recently adopted a policy which states that the *West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District will not contribute property tax-raised funds to hospital foundation projects.*



The WKBRHD is currently developing a delegation policy, which will be reviewed at the October 24th Board meeting.

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