



# WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

# Spotlight

February 2013



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

### BOARD PASSES 2013 BUDGET

The WKBRHD Board passed a budget of \$6,623,456.00 for 2013 at its February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board will contribute 40% of the funding needed to purchase the following items, as per its mandate (the Interior Health Authority will fund the remaining 60%).  
*The WKBRHD's contribution for each item is noted.*

#### Kootenay Lake Hospital:

- Emergency power system upgrade: \$780,000
- Pyxis Medstations: \$150,000
- Single stage press: \$116,000
- General rad room: \$104,000
- C-Arm (portable x-ray unit): \$96,000

#### Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital:

- Boiler hoistway: \$24,000
- Multi-purpose radiology system: \$420,000
- CT scanner: \$200,000
- Storage building: \$20,000
- Registration security enclosure: \$20,000

#### Castlegar Community Health Centre:

- Chiller replacement: \$80,000
- Telephone system upgrade: \$28,000

#### Victorian Community Hospital (Kaslo):

- Nurse communication system: \$24,000

**Minor Equipment (Various Facilities):** \$378,400



### SPECIAL GUEST AT MARCH BOARD MEETING

Andrew Neuner, Interior Health's Vice President—Community Integration will present a portfolio update at the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 WKBRHD Board meeting in Castlegar. The meeting will start at 6 p.m.



### THANKS FOR KASLO

The WKBRHD Board thanks Interior Health for its ongoing cooperation and commitment to work with directors and Kaslo residents concerning the emergency department at Victorian Community Health Centre.

### FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE

Included in the Board's \$6.6 million 2013 budget is a \$2 million contribution to reserves.

The Board has been considering the health of its reserve fund given the state of the region's facilities, which are rated as the lowest in the Interior Health Authority.

Major capital upgrades or even a facility replacement may be necessary in the future; thus, the hospital board has deliberated on the best way to prepare for such expenditures.

At the January meeting, staff presented the Board with documents showing the impacts to taxation should it contribute either \$0.00, \$1 million, \$2 million or \$3 million to reserves per annum.

Directors shared this information with their respective councils, communities and constituents and voiced their findings at the February meeting.

After much discussion and debate, the Board chose the \$2 million option.



Chair Marguerite Rotvold and the Board of the WKBRHD thank all those residents who talked to their directors and shared their opinions on the question of contributions to the hospital board reserve fund.

Your input is valued and appreciated for it helps to guide the Board in its decision making for the benefit of the entire regional hospital district.



### UPCOMING 2013 BOARD MEETINGS

- March 27 6 p.m. Castlegar Community Complex
- May 22 6 p.m. Kaslo Lighthouse Theatre
- October 23 6 p.m. Castlegar Community Complex
- November 27 6 p.m. Castlegar Community Complex

*The public is encouraged to attend Board meetings. Agendas & refreshments available at meetings.*

### Did You Know...

That hospital board funding contributions to Interior Health Authority projects are *voluntary*?

Interior Health provides the WKBRHD with an annual list of priority projects but it is up to the Board to decide which items to fund.