

Spotlight

October 2013

INTERIOR HEALTH'S CAPITAL STRATEGY

Interior Health's 2013—2023 Capital Strategy was presented to the WKBRHD Board at its October meeting. The strategy has three drivers:

- Projected demand for services
- The need for innovation and change; and
- Sustainability of infrastructure & services

The purpose of the strategy is to help Interior Health plan for its annual capital submissions. This affects the WKBRHD as the Board contributes 40% of funding for capital projects.

Anyone wishing to read the Capital Strategy may do so at the following URL:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/BuildingForBetterHealth/Documents/IH%20Capital%20Strategy.pdf>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Foundation and Interior Health on the acquisition of your new CT Scanner and digital mammography unit!



UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

November 27 6 p.m. Castlegar Community Complex

The public is welcome to attend Board meetings.
Agendas & refreshments are available at meetings.



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GOODBYE TO DEPUTY-TREASURER

Beth Burget, Manager of Financial Services at the Regional District of Central Kootenay is leaving the RDCK and her post as Deputy-Treasurer for the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District.

The Board thanks Ms. Burget for her service to the WKBRHD and wishes her all the best.



HELLO TO NEW TREASURER

The Board welcomed Stuart Horn as its new Treasurer. Stuart is the new General Manager of Finance and Administration at the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges of this position and learning more about how the hospital district board serves the residents of our region," said Stuart.



New Board Treasurer Stuart Horn



YOUR CHAIR AT WORK

Chair Marguerite Rotvold attended the Interior Health/Regional Hospital District meeting in Kelowna on October 16th and raised the following issues on behalf of the WKBRHD:

- Communications in emergency situations between agencies and with residents, such as in the Lemon Creek fuel spill
- Interior Health's computing systems and their ability to share information
- The definition of primary care in rural and remote communities

Kootenay Lake Hospital ER gets better

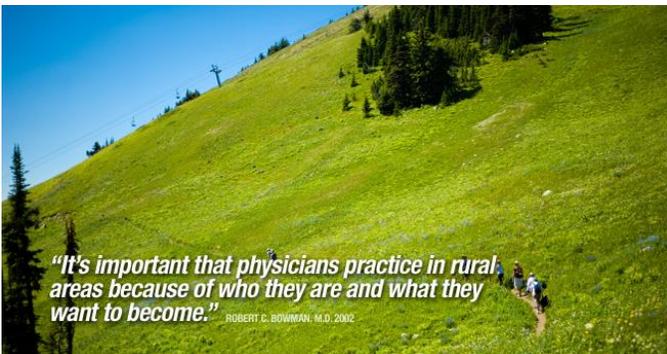


Interior Health staff reported that several changes have been implemented in Kootenay Lake Hospital's new Emergency Department, which will improve patient service and increase hospital efficiency. More signage, new buttons and different staff placement have resulted in an even better ER.



DOCTORS APPLY HERE

How to attract physicians and medical specialists to rural areas will be the focus of a meeting on November 22nd in Kelowna. Elected officials have been invited to work with representatives from Interior Health, the Ministry of Health and the BC Medical Association to develop an action plan for the recruitment of family physicians. The recruitment and retention of physicians in our communities is of utmost concern for the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District and is a priority of Interior Health.



BOARD SEEKS ENLIGHTENMENT

A recurring item of discussion of the regional hospital district board is its mandate. Since its inception in 1996, the WKBRHD Board has considered its primary purpose to be the funding of hospital equipment and capital projects, based on the 60-40 ratio (60% funded by Interior Health, 40% funded by the WKBRHD).

However, language in the *Hospital District Act*, the WKBRHD's governing legislation, states that one of the purposes of a regional hospital districts is to "operate" hospitals and hospital facilities.

In an effort to clarify its mandate, the WKBRHD has requested the Ministry of Health to define and explain the intent of the word "operate."

HOSPITAL FOUNDATIONS & EQUIPMENT

-INTERIOR HEALTH POLICY MIGHT APPLY TO YOU

At its Board meeting, the WKBRHD reviewed Interior Health's policy on the disposal and transfer of capital assets, such as equipment, which were funded by external funding partners such as hospital foundations or auxiliaries.

The Board directed staff to send a copy of this policy to all such foundations/societies in the regional hospital district. If you have questions about the policy, please contact Interior Health. If your foundation or auxiliary does not receive a letter from the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District, please contact Anitra Winje at awinje@rdck.bc.ca or 250.352.8166.

To view the policy, please visit:

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/Policies/Documents/Transfer%20or%20Disposal%20of%20Assets%20Externally%20Funded.pdf>



Upcoming Business

The Board of Directors will decide on its 2014 meeting schedule at the November 27th meeting.

The Board will elect its Chair and Acting Chair at the January 2014 meeting.



Did you know...

That one of the best ways to help prevent the spread of germs and infectious diseases is to wash your hands?

