

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Castlegar, BC
October 26, 2016

The **fifth** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2016 was held on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:05 p.m. in the Monashee Room, Castlegar and District Community Complex, 2101 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

	Chair M. Rotvold	Midway
(RDCK)	Director D. McIntosh	Castlegar
	Director S. Hewat	Kaslo
	Director K. Hamling	Nakusp
	Director D. Kozak	Nelson
	Director H. von Krogh	New Denver
	Director S. White	Salmo
	Director L. Main	Silverton
	Director J. Lunn	Slocan
	Director G. Jackman	Area A
	Director A. Watson	Area D
	Director R. Faust	Area E
	Director T. Newell	Area F
	Director H. Cunningham	Area G
	Director W. Popoff	Area H-The Slocan Valley
	Director A. Davidoff	Area I (RDCK)
	Director R. Smith	Area J (RDCK)
(RDKB)	Director A. Grieve	Area A (RDKB)
	Director L. Worley	Area B
	Director G. McGregor	Area C
	Alt. Director P. Cecchini	Fruitvale
	Alt. Director J. Nathorst	Greenwood
	Alt. Director C. Cook	Montrose
	Director K. Moore	Rossland
	Director M. Martin	Trail
	Director B. Rakuson	Warfield

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Director P. Peterson	Area K (RDCK)
Director V. Gee	Area E (RDKB)

STAFF PRESENT:

Stuart Horn	Secretary
Heather Smith	Treasurer

INTERIOR HEALTH:

Todd Mastel, Director, Business Support—Acute/Tertiary Services
Karen Bloemink, Executive Director, Hospitals & Community Integrated Services,
IH East
Karl Hardt, Communications

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:05 p.m., Chair Rotvold called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Lunn and seconded,
And Resolved:

98/16 The agenda for the October 26, 2016 Open Regular meeting be adopted as
circulated. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Director Martin and seconded,
And Resolved:

99/16 The minutes of the June 22, 2016 Open Regular meeting be adopted as
circulated. CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Main and seconded,
And Resolved:

100/16 The minutes of the October 12, 2016 Executive Committee meeting be adopted
as circulated. CARRIED.

DELEGATION

Interior Health Authority

Todd Mastel, Director, Business Support

Karen Bloemink, Executive Director, Hospitals & Community Integrated Services, IH East

Karl Hardt, Communications

Todd Mastel referenced the letter from Birgit Koster of Interior Health dated June 27, 2016 which is at item 3(a)(i) of the agenda. He explained that this was a listing of the equipment purchased with the global grant funds for the 2016 year. Mr. Mastel told the Board that Acting Chair Popoff has participated in the IHA conference calls for the past number of years at which these decisions are made. He attended the call that resulted in this list being approved.

MOVED by Director Hewat and seconded,
And Resolved:

101/16 That the letter dated June 27, 2016 from Birgit Koster, Interior Health, listing the
2015-2016 global grant items, be received. CARRIED.

Mr. Mastel referenced the letter to the WKBRHD Board from Donna Lommer, CFO & VP Support Services regarding the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Sustainability Project. The letter requests the Board consider funding 100% of Phase 1 of the KBRH Sustainability Project.

MOVED by Director Martin and seconded,
And Resolved:

102/16 That the letter dated October 4, 2016 from Donna Lommer, CFO & VP Support Services regarding the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Sustainability Project be received.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Jackman and seconded,
And Resolved:

103/16 That the Board Report dated October 19, 2016 from Heather Smith, Treasurer regarding the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Sustainability Project be received.

CARRIED.

Discussion then took place on the letter from Ms. Lommer and the report from Ms. Smith. The discussion focused on concerns of the Directors on IHA's request to provide 100% funding of Phase 1, and included the following:

- There was concern on whether agreeing to fund 100% of Phase 1 would set a precedent for IHA to ask for future projects to be funded in this manner.
- Directors asked for information on whether other RHDs provide 100% funding for projects. Mr. Mastel said there are instances of this situation occurring in other RHDs.
- There were concerns from Directors on whether or not this would result in a commitment from the Ministry of Health to fund Phases 2 and 3 of the KBRH Sustainability Project.
- Directors were concerned about the timelines of the project and potential for an even further rise in costs due to delays in obtaining funding.
- Directors are concerned on the tax base and affordability of taxation for the Hospital District residents.
- Directors were concerned that this amounted to provincial downloading of responsibility.
- Directors noted that KBRH is the only regional facility in IHA catchment area that has not had a major renovation.
- There is concern that the WKBRHD may not be able to afford this without raising taxes due to the lack of clarity on cash flow requirements.
- Some Directors are against the possibility of providing 100% funding.

MOVED by Director Cunningham and seconded,
And Resolved:

104/16 That the Executive Committee reopen discussion with IHA, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance in order to address the concerns raised by the WKBRHD Directors in their October 26, 2016 meeting and to receive a solid timeline for the completion of each Phase of the KBRH Sustainability Project and to confirm that the WKBRHD, should it fund 100% of Phase 1 of the KBRH Sustainability Project, would be required to fund only 40% of the total of all Phases of the project.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hamling and seconded,
And Resolved:

105/16 That the previous motion, being:

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be **REFERRED** to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director McGregor and seconded,
And Resolved:

106/16 That the following be **REFERRED** to the Executive Committee and the November 23, 2016 Open Regular Board Meeting:

That the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District send a letter to the Ministry of Health and the Interior Health Authority advising that before the WKBRHD will commit to fund Phase 1 (Emergency Department Redesign and Expansion, including electrical transformer upgrade) of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Sustainability Project when the Ministry of Health commits to fund the total Project, within a stipulated period of time; and further, that it be communicated that the net contribution from the WKBRHD for the entire Project will be 40%.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Accounts Payable

MOVED by Director Hewat and seconded,
And Resolved:

107/16 The Accounts Payable Summary for May 2016 in the amount of \$813,600.18 be approved.

CARRIED.

Change in Alternate Director

MOVED by Director Kozak and seconded,
And Resolved:

108/16 That the Board appoint Gary Schierbeck to the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Board as the Village of Midway's alternate director.

CARRIED.

KBRH Service Priority Project

MOVED by Director Kozak and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 109/16 That the letter dated July 5, 2016 from the KBRH Health Foundation indicating its support for the advancement of the KBRH Service Priority Project and its aim to raise \$1 million for the project be received.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Martin and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 110/16 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board send a letter to Bill Clark, Chair, KBRH Health Foundation, acknowledging his letter of July 5, 2016 and expressing appreciation for the Foundation's efforts to raise \$1 million for the KBRH Service Priority Project.

CARRIED.

Hospital District Act

MOVED by Director Popoff and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 111/16 That the letter dated August 29, 2016 from the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District advising of that Board's resolution to send a letter to the Minister of Health requesting that the Ministry review and update the *Hospital District Act* be received.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Kozak and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 112/16 That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board send a letter to Minister of Health Terry Lake requesting that the Province update the *Hospital District Act* to reflect the recommendations contained in the 2003 Ministry of Health review.

CARRIED.

2017 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Director Grieve and seconded,
And Resolved:

- 113/16 That the Board Report from Anitra Winje, Deputy-Secretary, presenting a proposed 2017 meeting calendar be received.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Main and seconded,
And Resolved:

114/16 That the Board adopt the 2017 meeting scheduled as indicated:

January 25	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
February 22	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
March 22	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
June 28	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
October 25	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
November 22	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.

CARRIED.

Chair Rotvold's Report

Chair Rotvold reported on the September 26, 2016 meeting that the Executive Committee had with the Chair and CEO of Interior Health at the UBCM Convention. The Executive received updates on the KBRH Sustainability Project, the Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Room Renovation, and the Paramedicine initiative. The Executive also asked about the difference between rural and remote as it pertains to travel distances to care facilities.

Chair Rotvold reported to the Board on the meeting that the Executive Committee had at UBCM with Ministry of Health staff. Ministry staff told the Executive that the KBRH Sustainability project remains on hold due to funding issues and also suggested that the Executive lobby the region's MLAs to assist in supporting the project.

MOVED by Director Faust and seconded,
And Resolved:

115/16 That the Chair write a letter to each of the WKBRHDs three MLAs and invite them to a meeting with the Executive Committee.

CARRIED.

Chair Rotvold reported on the October 19, 2016 meeting with the Regional Hospital District CAOs, Chairs, and IHA staff. She reiterated the Board's desire to see a long term capital plan for the region. She reported that the My Health Portal registration system has been released in some IHA facilities and the goal of IHA is continue the release of the system to WKBRHD facilities in 2017.

There is a shortage of X-Ray and MRI technicians in the IHA region. Selkirk College is being asked to assist with adding programming for these specialties.

IHA has reported that equipment needs may outweigh building renovations in future year capital requests.

Information Technology upgrades continue to be a high priority for IHA.

LATE ITEMS

None.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

Chair Rotvold called for questions from the public and the media.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Hewat and seconded,

116/16 That the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair Marguerite Rotvold

Secretary Stuart Horn