



The **third** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2023 was held on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. through a remote meeting model.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chair F. Marino Village of Warfield

(RDCK)

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Director A. Watson	Area D
Alternate Director J. Smienk	Area E
Director T. Newell	Area F
Director H. Cunningham	Area G
Director W. Popoff	Area H
Director A. Davidoff	Area I
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar
Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo
Director K. Page	City of Nelson
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo
Director C. Ferguson	Village of Silverton
Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan

(RDKB)

Director A. Grieve	Area A
Director L. Worley	Area B
Director G. McGregor	Area C
Director L. Wiese	Area D
Director S. Gibbs	Area E
Director B. Wenman	Village of Fruitvale
Director E. Baker	City of Grand Forks
Director J. Willsey	Village of Midway
Director J. Weaver	City of Rossland
Director T. Martin	City of Trail

ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director C. Graham	Area E
Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K

Director G. Shaw
Director D. Berriault
Director A. McLaren-Caux

City of Greenwood
Village of Montrose
Village of Nakusp

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. S. Horn
Ms. C. Hopkyns

Secretary/Treasurer
Meeting Coordinator

INTERIOR HEALTH

Mr. L. DeBest
Mr. D. Goughnour
Ms. D. Jansons

Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay
Corporate Director, Business Operations South
Renal Program Director

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Board Chair Marino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the agenda for the October 25, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the minutes from the March 22, 2023 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. COMMITTEE MINUTES

That the minutes from the June 13, 2023 Executive Committee meeting be received.

**6. DELEGATIONS
INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Lannon DeBest, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

6.1 Clinical Operations

Lannon DeBest provided an update to the Board regarding clinical operations:

1. Interior Health (IH) is developing a new strategic plan that will be available in 2024. It will cover the period between 2024-2027, has incorporated community feedback and will incorporate the Ministry Mandate Letter.
2. Interior Health is the first health authority to create a climate and sustainability road map. Public role and responsibilities to reduce IH's carbon footprint within the community.
3. Service disruptions and challenges in certain communities, such as New Denver, are related to staffing, resulting in a struggle maintaining service provisions. As well, physician in Kaslo have reduced services. As a result, there is reduction in primary care access in Kaslo, from six days a week to five day per week. The teams working hard to find solutions, such as recruitment. There are stories of recruiting success in the region, such as Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital and Boundary District hospital to stabilize services. IH will continuing to work to improving services in the region.

Lannon answered the Boards questions regarding service disruptions and regional approach to meeting the needs respect to vulnerable populations. The Board requested improved communication to community leaders and Interior Health regarding service disruptions their communities.

6.2 Village of Kaslo Letter – Dialysis Service Availability In Nelson, BC

The letter dated October 19, 2023 from Suzan Hewat, Village of Kaslo, re: Dialysis Service Availability In Nelson, BC, has been received.

Lannon DeBest introduced colleagues Dan Goughnour, Corporate Director, Business Operations South and Donna Jansons, Interior Health Renal Program Director.

Donna Jansons provided an overview to the Board regarding Interior Health renal services. She provided background regarding the complex relationship between Interior Health and Renal BC, sharing that the focused on patient focused care. Interior Health is aware of the burden of care for dialysis patient when there is need to travel for treatment. She reviewed to the difference between community dialysis units, which are smaller dialysis centres - they can not support everyone (complex cases) verses in-care units, such as Trail hospital – which have wrap around services that can be provided for more compromised patients. Donna shared she has reached out to Renal BC to discuss the concerns of dialysis treatment in the region , and would like to see collaboration between Interior Health, Renal BC and the Board to work on solutions. Donna answered the Boards questions.

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBHRD) Board request that the IHA provide to the WKBHRD Board a report on the feasibility of providing dialysis treatment at the Kootenay Lake Hospital.

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

No Items.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 UBCM Minister Meeting

The Memorandum dated October 10, 2023 from Mike Morrison, Deputy Secretary, Re: Meeting with the Honourable David Eby, M.L.A., Premier of British Columbia and the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, M.L.A, Minister of Housing, has been received.

Chair Marino provided an overview to the Board regarding the meeting with the Honourable David Eby, M.L.A., Premier of British Columbia and the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, M.L.A, Minister of Housing, sharing that the WKBHRD Executive met to talk about long term care beds and assisted living bed housing in the rural RDCK. The group felt the meeting was well received and they were listened to.

8.2 Interior Health Authority Capital Projects and Planning Status Report

The Master Summary report for October, 2023 has been received from the Interior Health Authority.

8.3 WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary

The WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary report prepared by the RDCK Finance Department for March – September 2023, has been received.

8.4 2024 WKBHRD Board Meetings

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the 2024 WKBHRD Board meeting dates be set as follows:

- Wednesday January 24,
- Wednesday March 27,
- Wednesday June 26, and
- Wednesday October 23.

Carried

9. QUESTIONS PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 6:50 p.m.

The public asked a question regarding the difference between the quality of care for dialysis service between the community units and in-centre units?

Interior Health staff answered, sharing the level of care is good in each, pointing out it is based on each person needs, community dialysis unit can not serve everyone (complex cases), where in-centre unit can serve everyone since there are service available for more complex cases.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Cunningham left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

10. IN CAMERA

10.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

In the opinion of the Board and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting; AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;

Carried

10.2 RECESS OF OPEN MEETING

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

The Open Meeting be recessed in order to conduct the Closed In Camera meeting.

Carried

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Lockwood left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded
And Resolved:

That the meeting adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Carried