

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 September 28, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the minutes from the June, 22, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

Todd Mastel, Interim Corporate Director, Financial Services

Lannon DeBest, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

5.1 Nelson Campus update

Todd Mastel will provided the Board a presentation regarding the Nelson Campus. The campus will be over 98,000 sq ft. It will have 75 Long-term Care Beds split into neighbourhoods with a Community Services Building attached housing Public Health, Mental Health and Home Health services. Todd reviewed the operational planning timeline, with completion in 2024. Interior Health's funding request to WKBRHD for 40% of Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment will be included in 2023 funding request letter.

Arrow Lakes Hospital – Equipment Issues

Todd Mastel advised the Board regarding the equipment issue at Arrow Lakes Hospital (ALH) in Nakusp. The main X-ray unit at ALH has a broken part in the mechanical assembly used to manipulate the swivel head. Interior Health is unable to either repair or find a replacement. The image generator is working properly and safely but the impact being it's taking longer to perform some exams. The existing main X-ray unit was purchased in 2009 and was approaching end of life before this issue. IH now expediting replacement of the ALH X-ray. The new unit will also require renovations to install. IH will be requesting funding from WKBRHD for this as part of the 2023 funding request letter, but will be incurring some design and renovation costs in 2022 that will be part of the request.

Lab Services in Salmo

Lannon DeBest followed up on an item regarding lab services in Salmo. He shared that as of June, lab services have increased by 9 hours per month with the goal to increase service hours to 2 days per week by the end of the year. Lannon noted that there has been a reduction of wait time since June. He added the in-house training of medical laboratory assistant's students is ongoing.

Service Disruptions

Lannon DeBest followed up with the Board regarding the service disruptions. He shared that there have been no changes, Grand Forks Hospital in-patient beds are temporarily

closed, New Denver emergency room reductions of service is still 7 days week 12 hours a day and Kaslo's six days a week Primary Care coverage. These service disruptions are related to the ongoing recruitment challenge in the health care industry.

Primary Care

Lannon DeBest updated the Board regarding efforts around Primary Care in the Kootenay Boundary. Primary Care is a collaboration between family practitioners, Interior Health Authority and Indigenous groups to determine how Primary Care evolves in the Kootenay Boundary. Primary Care is in year 4 in the Kootenay Boundary. Interior Health is working with the Ministry on revised funding for years 4, 5 and 6 and is requesting additional resources that have been identified by the various practices.

The Board has requested Interior Health staff provide an update at the January 2023 meeting regarding the Oncology departments location move at Kootenay Lake Hospital in Nelson.

6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Executive Report

Director Morrison provided an update to the Board regarding the UBCM Cabinet Minister meeting with Ministry of Health. The Committee discussed Interior Health's capital request for the MRI at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital; and advocated for rural health care and lab services in the Kootenay Boundary.

7.2 Chair's Report

Chair Hewat welcomed everyone to the last meeting of 2022 and shared that it has been a pleasure to work with the Board. She thanked the Interior Health delegations for their work and availability. Chair Hewat hopes the Board will be able to tour Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital. She shared she is proud of the work this Board has done.

7.3 Interior Health Authority Capital Projects and Planning Status Report

The Master Summary report for July 2022 from the Interior Health Authority, has been received.

7.4 WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary

The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary report prepared by the RDCK Finance Department for June to August, 2022, has been received.

7.5 Aging Populations and Health Services in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Study

The Aging Populations and Health Services in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Study prepared by the Selkirk Geospatial Research Centre at Selkirk College, has been received.

The Board communicated some inaccuracies in the study. Staff requested the Board email their comments to be forwarded to Selkirk College.

Direction to staff: That staff compile comments from the Board regarding the Aging Populations and Health Services study to forward Selkirk College.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the Board direct that a committee be struck at the January 2023 Board meeting to review the Aging Populations and Health Services study report and conclusions to determine actions to pursue in order to lobby for increased service delivery in the WKBRHD.

Carried

7.6 2021 WKBRHD Financial Statements – Draft

The WKBRHD 2021 Audited Financial Statements - Draft provided by Grant Thornton dated December 31, 2021, has been received.

The Board discussed

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the Board approve the audited financial statements for the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Carried

7.7 2023 WKBRHD Board Meetings Dates

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the 2023 WKBRHD Board meeting dates be set as follows:

- Wednesday January 25;
- Wednesday March 22;
- Wednesday June 28; and
- Wednesday October 25.

Carried

8. QUESTIONS PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media.

Media was present.

9. IN CAMERA

9.1 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That 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 identified in the following subsection:

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:

(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

Carried

9.2 RECESS OF OPEN MEETING

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

The Open Meeting be recessed at 7:30 p.m. in order to conduct the Closed In Camera meeting.

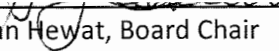
Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT
Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by


Suzan Hewat, Board Chair

Originally signed by

Mike Morrison, Deputy Secretary

