# WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The **third** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2026 was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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| Chair. S. Hewat | RDCK Village of Kaslo | In-Person |

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| Director G. Jackman | Area A | In-Person |
| Director A. Watson | Area D | |
| Alternate Director J. Smienk | Area E | In-Person |
| Director H. Cunningham | Area G | In-Person |
| Director W. Popoff | Area H | In-Person |
| Director H. Hanegraaf | Area J | In-Person |
| Director B. Bogle | City of Castlegar | |
| Director A. McLaren-Caux | Village of Nakusp | |
| Director D. Lockwood | Village of Salmo | |
| Director L. Main | Village of Silverton | |

**(RDKB)**

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| Director L. Worley | Area B | In-Person |
| Director G. McGregor | Area C | In-Person |
| Director L. Wiese | Area D | In-Person |
| Director S. Gibbs | Area E | In-Person |
| Director C. Guesford | Village of Fruitvale | In-Person |
| Director E. Baker | City of Grand Forks | In-Person |
| Director C. Rhodes | City of Greenwood | |
| Director J. Willsey | Village of Midway | In-Person |
| Director J. Weaver | City of Rossland | |
| Director T. Martin | City of Trail | In-Person |
| Director F. Marino | Village of Warfield | |

**ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

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| Director T. Newell | RDCK Area F |
| Director A. Davidoff | RDCK Area I |
| Director T. Weatherhead | RDCK Area K |
| Director K. Page | City of Nelson |
| Director L. Casley | Village of New Denver |
| Director E. Buller | Village of Slocan |
| Director A. Grieve | RDKB Area A |
| Director P. Caron | Village of Montrose |

**STAFF PRESENT**

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| M. Morrison | Deputy Secretary |
| C. Hopkyns | Recording Secretary |

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**1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO**

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend the WKBRHD meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

**Meeting Time:**
6:00 p.m. PST
8:00 p.m. MST

**Join by Video:**
https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92552748566?pwd=Wxv0pyVwN6b1QknuGNqRcLbzxd26dz.1

**Join by Phone:**
833 958 1164 Canada Toll-free
*6 to unmute or mute
*9 to raise or lower your hand

**Meeting ID:** 925 5274 8566
**Meeting Password:** 174991

**In-Person Location:** The Confluence - 1995 6th Ave. Castlegar V1N 4B7

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

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

**4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

47/26 The agenda for the June 24, 2026 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

**5.1 WKBRHD Board Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2026**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

48/26 The March 25, 2026 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting minutes be adopted.

**Carried**

**5.2 WKBRHD Executive Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2026**

The minutes from the June 1, 2026 WKBRHD Executive Committee meeting have been received for information.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Tyler Dobie - Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Auxiliary - Long-Term Care Expansion & Integrated Health Infrastructure Planning**

Tyler Dobie, Victorian Hospital of Kaslo president, provided a verbal presentation to the Board. He outlined the need to expand long-term care services at the Victorian Community Health Centre, explaining Kaslo's aging population and limited care capacity. He shared that the community is exploring a broader vision that would combine long-term care, seniors' housing, workforce housing, and community spaces.

Mr. Dobie explained that this presentation is intended to inform the WKBHRD Board of the Victorian Community Health Centre expansion planning and encourage early collaboration as planning moves forward. He answered the Board's questions.

**6.2 Betty Brown - Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation**

The presentation from Betty Brown, Innovation Liaison: Government + Community, re: Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, has been received.

The FAQ booklet from Betty Brown, Innovation Liaison: Government + Community, re: Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, has been received.

Betty Brown, Jim Pattison Centre Liaison, presented to the Board on the Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation, a new independent learning organization who's goal is to turn innovative healthcare ideas into practical solutions. She shared, the Centre works alongside the healthcare system, supporting communities, research, and local governments in developing, testing, and implementing new approaches to improve healthcare in B.C.

Ms. Brown provided an overview of the project submissions, with several already active, or completed, such as digital tools for diabetes management and remote health monitoring. She shared that the Centre offers guidance, connection to funding, project evaluation, and implementations support. She answered the Boards questions.

**6.3 Interior Health Authority**

Lindsay Hetu, Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations – East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary
Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations

The presentation from Lindsay Hetu and Matt Wilkie, re: Capital Project Status Report, West Kootenay Boundary, has been received.

Lindsay Hetu presented to the Board an update on the status of the capital projects in the Kootenay-Boundary region.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**7.1 Bylaw 439: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw**

Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw

The Board Report dated June 24, 2026 from Stuart Horn, WKBRHD Secretary/Treasurer, re: Bylaw 439: West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw, has been received.

*The following recommendations were referred from March 25, 2026 to June 24, 2026 WKBRHD Board Meeting:*

*43/26 That the following motion BE REFERRED to the June 25, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting:*
*West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby read the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD 23*

*44/26 That the following motion BE REFERRED to the June 24, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting:*
*West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2025 is hereby ADOPTED and the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to sign same.*

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

49/26 That the Board refer the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure & Borrowing Bylaw No. 439, 2026 to the March 2027 Board meeting so it can be considered along with the 2027 budget process.

**Carried**

**7.2 Letter of Support: Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub**

The letter dated March 23, 2026 from Allan Joli-Coeur, Big White Mountain Community Development Association President, re: Letter of Support: Big White Mountain Rural Health Hub, has been received for information.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

**8.1 Chair's Report**

Chair Hewat provided a verbal report. She thanked the Executive Committee for their work on the Provincial Cabinet Minister meeting priority topics.

**8.2 WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary**

The WKBRHD Accounts Payable Summary from the RDCK Finance Department for March - May 2026, has been received.

**8.3 2026 UBCM Convention – Provincial Cabinet Minister meeting Priority Topics**

The 2026 WKBRHD Minister Meeting Request Briefing Notes from Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, has been received for information.

The Executive Committee members provided an overview to the Board regarding the WKBRHD topics for the requested Minister of Health meeting at UBCM. The topics are:

- Regional Strategy for Rehabilitation, Homelessness, and Public Safety;
- Funding and expansion of transitional housing;
- Expansion and permanent implementation of virtual care.

## 9. QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 7:01 p.m.

No public or media had questions.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

50/26 The meeting be adjourned at7:02 p.m.

**Carried**

Digitally Approved
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Suzan Hewat, Chair

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Christine Hopkyns, Secretary