



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Open Meeting Minutes**

The **third** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2022 was held on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m. remotely through electronic participation.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Director S. Hewat Kaslo (Chair)

**(RDCK)**

Director G. Jackman	Area A
Director A. Watson	Area D
Director R Faust	Area E
Director H. Cunningham	Area G
Director W. Popoff	Area H
Director A. Davidoff	Area I
Director R. Smith	Area J
Director C. Moss	New Denver
Director D. Lockwood	Salmo
Director J. Lunn	Slocan

**(RDKB)**

Director G. McGregor	Area A
Director D. O'Donnell	Area D
Director V. Gee	Area E
Director B. Wenman	Fruitvale
Director C. Korolek	Grand Forks
Director J. Bolt	Greenwood
Director R. Grouette	Midway
Director D. Berriault	Montrose
Director J. Nightingale	Rossland
Director L. Pasin	Trail
Director A. Parkinson	Warfield

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Director T. Newell	Area F – RDCK
Director P. Peterson	Area K – RDCK
Director K. Duff	Castegar – RDCK
Director J. Hughes	Nakusp - RDCK
Director A. Grieve	Area A - RDKB
Director L. Worley	Area B - RDKB

**ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Director T. Weatherhead  
Director D. Rye  
Director T Zeleznik

Area K - RDCK  
Castlegar - RDCK  
Nakusp - RDCK

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. S. Horn  
Mr. M. Morrison  
Ms. C. Hopkyns

Secretary/Treasurer  
Deputy Secretary  
Meeting Coordinator

**INTERIOR HEALTH**

Todd Mastel  
Lannon DeBest

Interim Corporate Director, Financial Services  
Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay  
Boundary

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

Chair Hewat called the meeting to order at 6:03 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:

53/22 That the agenda for the June 22, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved** and seconded,  
And Resolved:

54/22 That the minutes from the March 23, 2022 Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

That the minutes from the May 30, 2022 Executive Committee meeting has been received.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Todd Mastel, Interim Corporate Director, Financial Services  
Lannon DeBest, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

**5.1 Project Updates**

Todd Mastel presented to the Board with the following project updates:

- KBRH Pharmacy and Ambulatory Care:
  - Ambulatory care 2<sup>nd</sup> floor opened for services September 2021 (Endoscopy, Minor Procedures, Cystoscopy, Recovery Bays).
  - Upgrading of Electrical Generators is underway, with completion estimated Fall 2022.
  - Interior Renovation Component review:
    1. Health Information Management was completed in July 2021;
    2. Pharmacy Phase 1 compounding & mixing (meet NAPRA standards) completed and will open for service in July 2022;
    3. Oncology Services is expected to be completed end of June, 2022 with go live for services mid July 2022;
    4. Physiotherapy/Rehabilitation Services & Cast Clinic under construction, with completion mid July 2022, with go live planned for August 2022;
    5. Pharmacy Phase 2 (Dispensary) is scheduled to commence early July 2022. with estimated completion March 2023;
    6. Ambulatory Care General Clinics is scheduled to commence end of July 2022, with estimated completion March 2023
- Nelson Health Campus:
  - Demolition work complete and the site is ready to go, with a formal announcement expected soon.

## 5.2 Cancer Care update

Lannon DeBest provided the Board an update regarding cancer care in the Kootenay-Boundary. Lannon acknowledged medical oncologist Dr. Malpass and Dr. Scotland for their dedicated service in the Kootenay-Boundary. He shared the effort to recruit medical oncologists has been unsuccessful, resulting in changes in cancer care service in the Kootenay-Boundary. Lannon gave an overview of cancer care in the province. Cancer care in the Kootenay-Boundary will now be monitored by an inter-disciplinary team. He shared what the journey of care for the patient will look like:

- Patients will first meet with their general practitioner or nurse practitioner, who will order tests;
- Once diagnosis is known, the patient will be referred to BC Cancer to meet with a medical oncologist in Kelowna (in-person or virtual), where a treatment plan will be made;
- Treatment care will be given either in their community, Kelowna or Vancouver depending on the type of cancer the individual has;
- Ongoing care will be provided by the general practitioner oncologist specialists (eight in the area) in partnership with general practitioners and BC Cancer.

## 5.3 Clinical Operations Update

Lannon DeBest provided the Board with an update regarding Clinical Operations.

- Boundary District Hospital update:
  - The emergency room continues to be open 24 hours a day.
  - Patient who need extended care are transferred to other hospitals.
  - Continue to recruit nurses but not successful yet.
  - The goal is to open the hospital as soon as possible.
- Adolescent mental health and substance use team in the Kootenay-Boundary:
  - The province announced investment in adolescent mental health and substance use teams.
  - There will be a team consisting of mental health workers, life skill workers and nurses, working out of Trail, focused on adolescent mental health and substance use.

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

### 6.1 2022 UBCM Meeting Priority Topics

Chair Hewat provided an update to the Board regarding the Executive Committee's discussion on WKBRHD priorities for the UBCM Convention. The Executive agreed that all of the Board's UBCM topics are a priority and discussed importance of presenting the items through the lens of strengthening and protecting rural health care.

IH's capital funding priorities:

- IH request – support for the permanent Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) structure at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital - priority investment.

The Executive Committee priorities:

- With the current trend of people away from urban areas to rural areas, a focus on strengthening rural health care facilities is a priority;
- Increasing funding to patient transport in rural areas for residents to have access to health service (dialysis);
- Primary Care Network continues to be a priority;
- Advocating for vulnerable population (*opioid crisis, safe supply*);
- Advocating for better laboratory services (improved staffing, review and focus on the infrastructure needed if the spaces are too small, such as the Trail facility);
- Returning the combination lab/x-ray position to small rural health centres.

The Board had a discussion the 2022 UBCM meeting topics and determined that all the topics are a priority. The Executives will try to fit them all in at the meeting. The order of priority: MRI, transportation, Primary Care Network, laboratory services, vulnerable population, lab/x-ray position.

### 6.2 September – In-Person Tour & Hybrid (In-Person or Remote attendance) Meeting

Chair Hewat discussed the proposed tour of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail, BC and the hybrid meeting (in-person or remote attendance) at the Castlegar Community & District Complex on September 28th, 2022.

The Board requested staff send out a poll to determine interest in the in-person tour and hybrid meeting.

## 7 NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Chair's Report

Chair Hewat provided a verbal update to the Board regarding the Regional Hospital District Interior Health meeting she attended, along with Director Pasin.

Key points discussed:

- Key alert and response planning;
- Climate change action;
- Capital challenges.

Other updates:

- Primary care transformation;
- Capital projects;

- Added item – challenges with BCEHS in rural communities.

**7.2 WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary**

The WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary report prepared by the RDCK Finance Department for March - May 2022, has been received.

**7.3 2021 WKBHRD Audited Financial Statements**

The 2021 WKBHRD Audited Financial Statements has not been received from the auditors. Staff have requested an extension with the Ministry due to auditor staffing shortages.

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, shared with the Board that when the 2021 WKBHRD Audited Financial Statements is received, an electronic vote will be conducted and the vote will be ratified at the next meeting.

**8 QUESTIONS PERIOD FOR PUBLIC & MEDIA**

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 7:30 p.m.

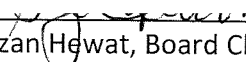
**9 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,  
And Resolved:

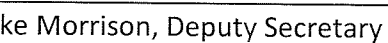
55/22 That the meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Carried

Originally signed by

  
Suzan Hewat, Board Chair

Originally signed by

  
Mike Morrison, Deputy Secretary

