



WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Spotlight

January 2013

CHAIR BACK AT THE TABLE

Marguerite Rotvold was acclaimed Chair by the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board at its January 23rd meeting. Rotvold has served as Chair since 2009.

"I'd like to thank the Board for its support, hard work and for thinking and working regionally," said Chair Rotvold.

She cited the emergency department expansion at Kootenay Lake Hospital as an example of this collaborative, regional approach which has benefited the whole hospital district.

Chair Rotvold also thanked the Board and Interior Health Authority staff for visiting health facilities in Grand Forks, Nelson, Nakusp, New Denver and Castlegar in 2012. These tours allowed Directors to observe the services, equipment and construction they have funded as a Board. They were also able to see which capital projects are needed at these facilities.

The Chair reminded the Board that its May 2013 meeting will be held in Kaslo which will enable the Directors to tour the Victorian Community Health Centre.

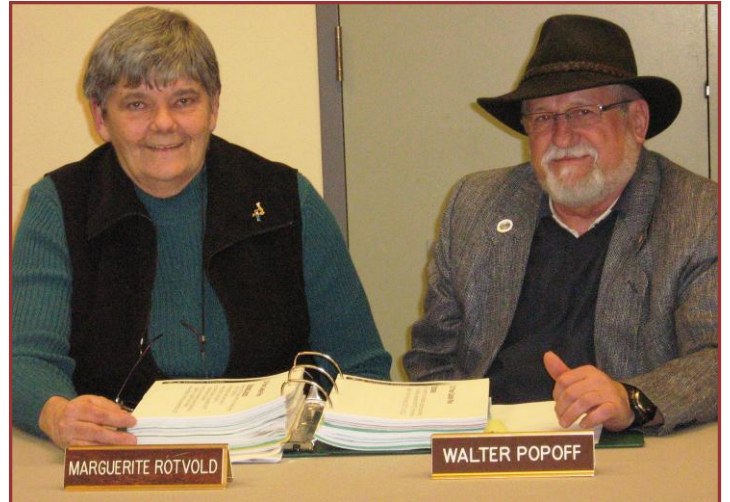
"Thank you for the successes of 2012," said Chair Rotvold as led her Board into a new year.

ACTING CHAIR

Walter Popoff, Director for Area H in the RDCK, was also re-acclaimed as Acting Chair of the hospital board.

"Thank you to the Board for your support. Chair Rotvold did an excellent job in 2012 which made my job easy," said Popoff.

In his role as Acting Chair, Popoff was an observer at the Interior Health Authority's minor capital planning meeting. Popoff shared his observations with the Board, saying the experience was both informative and beneficial.



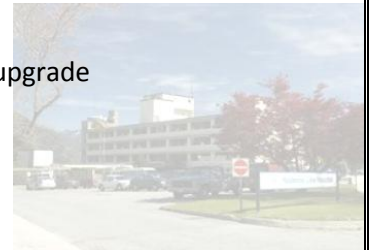
Board Chair Marguerite Rotvold and Acting Chair Walter Popoff.

THE 2013 WISH LIST

Todd Mastel, Director of Business Support, presented Interior Health's 2013 capital funding request, which identifies the following projects as priorities:

Kootenay Lake Hospital:

- Emergency power system upgrade
- Pyxis Medstations
- Single stage press
- General rad room
- C-Arm (portable x-ray unit)



Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital:

- Boiler hoistway
- Multi-purpose radiology system
- CT scanner
- Storage building
- Security enclosure for registration & switchboard area

Castlegar Community Health Centre:

- Chiller replacement
- Telephone system upgrade

Victorian Community Hospital (Kaslo):

- Nurse communication system

The total proposed budget for capital projects in the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District in 2013 is \$6.4 million.

The West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District is being asked to contribute \$2,440,400 of that amount, which equals 40% of the total budget.

The hospital district board will discuss the request from Interior Health at its February meeting.



OUR HEALTHY FUTURE

In the fall of 2012, the hospital board considered the issue of building its reserves in order to maintain and improve the region's health facilities and equipment. A recent facility condition index rated the facilities in our hospital district as being the lowest in the Interior Health Authority. This triggered the Board to anticipate the potential for serious lobbying for major capital upgrades or replacement. Such projects would require multi-year financing. The Board is considering how best to prepare for such major investment.

Currently, the Board contributes \$1 million per annum to reserves.

At the January 23rd Board meeting, Directors were given detailed financial information showing the impacts to taxpayers if the Board were to choose one of the following options regarding reserve contributions: no contribution, \$1 million, \$2 million and \$3 million.

Chair Rotvold requested the Directors take this information back to their Councils and communities for discussion.

The WKBRHD will address the topic at its February 27th Board meeting in Castlegar, along with the 2013 budget.

The public is encouraged to attend.



NEW DIRECTOR

The Board welcomed its newest member to the table on January 23rd. Director Barry Noll will represent the City of Greenwood. Welcome to Director Noll!



Did You Know...

That information on each health care facility in the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District may be found on the Interior Health Authority's website at

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/AboutUs/QuickFacts/PopulationLocalAreaProfiles/Pages/default.aspx>

UPCOMING 2013 BOARD MEETINGS

February 27	6 p.m.	Castlegar Community Complex
March 27	6 p.m.	Castlegar Community Complex
May 22	6 p.m.	Kaslo (<i>site to be determined</i>)
October 23	6 p.m.	Castlegar Community Complex
November 27	6 p.m.	Castlegar Community Complex

The public is invited to attend Board meetings.

Agendas & refreshments available at meetings.



SPECIAL GUEST AT MARCH BOARD MEETING

Andrew Neuner, Interior Health's Vice President—Community Integration will present a portfolio update at the March 27th, 2013 WKBRHD Board meeting in Castlegar. The meeting will start at 6 p.m.



If any community groups wish to make a presentation to the hospital board at the meeting, please contact Anitra Winje before February 20th at 250.352.8166 or awinje@rdck.bc.ca.

