

# Spotlight

January 2015

## ROTVOLD & POPOFF RE-ACCLAIMED

Marguerite Rotvold and Walter Popoff were re-acclaimed as Chair and Acting Chair by their fellow directors at the January meeting of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board.



## Board Welcomes New Directors

The November 2014 General Local Election resulted in several **new Directors** joining the Board:

### Regional District of Central Kootenay:

Aimee Watson	Area D
Tom Newell	Area F
Rick Smith	Area J
Suzan Hewat	Kaslo
Deb Kozak	Nelson
Cathy Paton	Salmo
Leah Main	Silverton
Jessica Lunn	Slocan

### Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary:

Roly Russell	Area D
Vicki Gee	Area E
Neil Krog	Grand Forks
Nola Tutti	Greenwood
Joe Danchuk	Montrose
Kathy Moore	Rossland
Mike Martin	Trail
Ted Pahl	Warfield

These directors join the following Board members:

### Regional District of Central Kootenay:

Garry Jackman	Area A
Ramona Faust	Area E
Hans Cunningham	Area G
Walter Popoff	Area H
Andy Davidoff	Area I
Paul Peterson	Area K
Deb McIntosh	Castlegar
Karen Hamling	Nakusp
Henning von Krogh	New Denver

### Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary:

Ali Grieve	Area A
Linda Worley	Area B
Grace McGregor	Area C
Tabatha Webber	Fruitvale
Marguerite Rotvold	Midway

Chair Rotvold thanked the Board for its support and said her main priority continues to be open communication among directors and the Interior Health Authority.



Acting Chair Popoff similarly expressed his gratitude on being re-acclaimed.

## EXECUTIVE DECISION

Each year, the WKBHRD Board appoints members to its Executive Committee, a body which makes recommendations to the Board. The composition of the Executive for 2015 is as follows:

Arrow Lakes – Castlegar – Nakusp:	Paul Peterson
Kootenay (Kaslo-Nelson-Slocan):	Garry Jackman
Boundary:	Roly Russell
Greater Trail:	Linda Worley

## ● ● ● On The Road Again...

The Hospital Board will tour the primary care facilities in the district this year. This will enable the Board to conduct its meetings throughout the district. We welcome the public to attend these meetings. See the schedule below for dates and times. Locations, once confirmed, will be posted at

[http://www.rdck.bc.ca/hospitalboard/wkbr\\_hospital\\_district.html](http://www.rdck.bc.ca/hospitalboard/wkbr_hospital_district.html)

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## 2015 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

February 25	Nelson	6 p.m.
March 25	Trail	6 p.m.
May 27	Grand Forks	6 p.m.
June 24	Nakusp	6 p.m.
October 28	Kaslo	6 p.m.



## POINTING TO THE ARROW

Interior Health will provide an update on the planning process for the Arrow Lakes Hospital emergency department at the March 2014 WKBRHD Board meeting.



In the meantime, the WKBRHD Board has directed staff to determine the cost of procuring architectural plans for an Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Room upgrade.



## IHA asks WKBRHD for \$2.3 Million

Interior Health staff presented the Authority's list of capital funding requests for 2015/2016, which the Board will consider during its budget deliberations at the February and March meetings.

The Board is being asked to fund 40% of the cost of these projects, which would total \$2,301,660.

Here is the list of projects which have been deemed priorities:



## RURAL MATTERS

At a strategic planning session on January 28<sup>th</sup>, the WKBRHD Directors developed a list of health care concerns in their communities and areas. The Board identified the following issues as emergent: isolation of residents, accessibility and transportation to health care, service erosion, lack of services, poverty, response times, shifting demographics, population migration, physician recruitment and retention, and the need for long term care facilities.

The Board later resolved to ask Interior Health to develop a strategy in consultation with the WKBRHD to address the provision of a recognized standard of care and essential services in rural areas. The WKBRHD Board anticipates that this rural strategy will assist it in making future decisions about funding of health centres in the region.



## Did you know...

The main purpose of the WKBRHD is to provide funding for hospital equipment and capital projects. Projects and priorities are proposed each year by the Interior Health Authority (IHA), with a list developed in consultation between the IHA and WKBRHD. The hospital district pays for up to 40% of the cost of approved projects while the remaining 60% is funded by the Provincial Government.

Facility	Location	Equipment/Project Description
<b>Construction Projects over \$100,000</b>		
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	Emergency Power System Upgrade
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	South Block and Lower Main Vault Electrical Upgrade
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	Diagnostic Imaging Space Renovations and Removal of Modular Structure
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Replace Domestic Hot Water Boilers & Water Tanks
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Sewer System and Infrastructure Re-Pipe Replacement
<b>Construction Projects under \$100,000</b>		
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Laundry Access & Area Improvements
Castlegar and District Community Health Centre	Castlegar	Medication Room for Emergency
<b>IMIT</b>		
Boundary Hospital	Grand Forks	Unified Communications - Telephone Infrastructure
Nelson Health Centre	Nelson	Unified Communications - Telephone Infrastructure
<b>Equipment over \$100,000</b>		
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Physiological Monitoring System for OR
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Physiological Monitoring System for PARR
Castlegar and District Community Health Centre	Castlegar	Ultrasound
Kootenay Lake Hospital	Nelson	Ultrasound
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital	Trail	Ultrasound
<b>Equipment Under \$100,000 (Global Grant)</b>		
All Facilities		Equipment between \$5,000 and \$100,000