

WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Kaslo, B.C.
October 28, 2015

The **sixth** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2015 was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:04 p.m. in the Lighthouse Theatre, JV Humphries School, 500—6th Street, Kaslo, BC.

ELEECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

	Chair M. Rotvold	Midway
(RDCK)	Director S. Hewat	Kaslo
	Director K. Hamling	Nakusp
	Director D. Kozak	Nelson
	Director H. von Krogh	New Denver
	Director S. White	Salmo
	Director L. Main	Silverton
	Director J. Lunn	Slocan
	Director G. Jackman	Area A
	Director A. Watson	Area D
	Director R. Faust	Area E
	Director T. Newell	Area F
	Director H. Cunningham	Area G
	Director W. Popoff	Area H-The Slocan Valley
	Director A. Davidoff	Area I (RDCK)
	Director P. Peterson	Area K-The Arrow Lakes
(RDKB)	Director B. Edwards	Area B
	Director G. McGregor	Area C
	Director R. Russell	Area D
	Alt. Director E. Smith	Greenwood
	Director J. Danchuk	Montrose
	Director M. Martin	Trail
	Director B. Rakuson	Warfield

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Director A. Grieve	Area A (RDKB)
Director V. Gee	Area E (RDKB)
Director R. Smith	Area J (RDCK)
Director D. McIntosh	Castlegar
Director T. Webber	Fruitvale
Director N. Krog	Grand Forks

STAFF PRESENT:

Stuart Horn	Secretary
Anitra Winje	Deputy-Secretary
Heather Smith	Treasurer

INTERIOR HEALTH:

Todd Mastel, Manager, Business Support—Acute/Tertiary Services
Cheryl Whittleton, Community Integrated Health Services Administrator—KB
Jonathan Jinjoe, Manager, Plant Services, Kootenay Boundary
Karl Hardt, Communications

DELEGATION:

James Morris, President, Kaslo and Area Medical Care Society

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:04 p.m., Chair Rotvold called the meeting to order.

She welcomed Kaslo and area residents to the meeting.

She thanked the Directors for attending the facility tour in Kaslo and expressed her appreciation to Interior Health staff for conducting the tour.

INTRODUCTION

Todd Mastel introduced Pat Dooley to the assembly. Mrs. Dooley is the Interior Health Board member for the West Kootenay-Boundary region. Mrs. Dooley grew up in Kaslo.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Main and seconded,
And Resolved:

74/15 The agenda for the October 18, 2015 Open Regular meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the following items:

- Director Davidoff: Alternative wording to item 6a)
- Director Kozak: potential delegation for upcoming meeting

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Director Watson and seconded,
And Resolved:

75/15 The minutes of the September 30, 2015 Open Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: Kaslo and Area Medical Care Society

James Morris, President of the Kaslo and Area Medical Care Society addressed the Board at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Morris said the Society has over 300 members. The group is concerned about service erosion at the Victorian Community Health Centre and that residents do not have access to the emergency and clinical services they deserve. The Society is trying to restore 24/7 emergency care by establishing an independent clinic with one or two physicians. The Society is exploring funding opportunities to establish the clinic and recruit physicians.

Chair Rotvold thanked Mr. Morris for his presentation and encouraged the Society to work with Interior Health on health care issues in Kaslo.

DELEGATION: Interior Health Authority

At 6:26 p.m., Todd Mastel announced that Interior Health has a new President and Chief Executive Officer—Mr. Chris Mazurkewich.

Mr. Mastel then presented IH's 2014—2015 Global Grant list, which shows the projects the WKBRHD and IH have jointly funded.

Mr. Mastel and Cheryl Whittleton gave a PowerPoint presentation on health care service planning.

Firstly, Mr. Mastel clarified what Interior Health is responsible for: Hospital/acute care; residential/community care; prevention and health promotion; off reserve First Nations health; emergency preparedness; drinking water protection; and child care licensing. The Authority is not responsible for ambulance, fee for service payments to physicians, public transit or housing.

He pointed out pressures on the health care system and its resources, namely, mental health and substance use, cancer, frail-in-care and end of life. An aging population will continue to put pressures on the system.

Mr. Mastel said chronic disease rates in the West Kootenay-Boundary are consistent with other regions.

The Ministry of Health is moving toward greater community care, which would mean keeping people at home as much and for as long as possible. To that end, the Ministry has released a number of policy documents over the past two years regarding health care prioritization, patient-centred care, rural health services and primary and community care.

The Ministry's goal is to improve access to and design services for primary, residential, and home and community care for those with high health/support needs. Another priority is to "improve timely access to appropriate surgical treatments and procedures." The Ministry is also focusing on quality health care in rural and remote areas.

Ms. Whittleton talked about the approaches IH plans to take to effect these changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Delegation Policy

MOVED by Director Russell and seconded,
And Resolved:

76/15 That the Executive Committee develop a policy regarding presentations given by delegations to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board and bring the document to the January 2016 meeting.

CARRIED.

Accounts Payable

MOVED by Director Hamling and seconded,
And Resolved:

77/15 That the Accounts Payable Summary for September 2015 in the amount of \$7,968.95 be approved.

CARRIED.

Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Director Main and seconded,
And Resolved:

78/15 That the Board adopt the following 2016 meeting schedule:

January 27	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
February 24	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
March 23	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
June 22	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
October 26	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.
November 23	Castlegar Community Complex	6 p.m.

CARRIED.

Discussion Paper

“Aging Populations and Health Services in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District” was received for information.

Capital Reserve Fund Policy

MOVED by Director Popoff and seconded,
And Resolved:

79/15 That the Board direct staff to amend Policy 41/12 (Capital Reserve Fund) to remove the cap on the fund and to bring the amended document to the January 2016 Board meeting for discussion.

CARRIED.

Potential Delegation

Director Kozak discussed a proposal made a Trail surgeon and local physiotherapists to establish a regional interdisciplinary hand clinic. She suggested the Board may want to hear a presentation from the group.

MOVED by Director Kozak and seconded,
And Resolved:

80/15 That the Executive Committee review the request from Dr. Lavery to appear as a delegation at a West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District to present a proposal for a regional interdisciplinary hand clinic; and further, that the Executive Committee bring its recommendation to the January 2016 Board meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Motion Referred from the September 2015 Meeting

MOVED by Director Davidoff and seconded,
DEFEATED:

That the WKBRHD respectfully requests the Minister of Health appoint one additional Board member per Health Authority to be elected by all of the regional hospital districts within each Health Authority.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Directors Main, Hamling and Peterson left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

PUBLIC TIME

Andy Shadrack of the Health Select Committee spoke about the successful recruitment of two physicians in Kaslo and the committee's efforts to restore health care services in the community.

Pegasis McGauley objected to the Ministry of Health's direction on the shift from acute to community care based on the lack of dedicated or increased funding.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Danchuk and seconded,
And Resolved:

81/15 The meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair

Deputy-Secretary