

Meeting Minutes
Capital Regional Hospital District Board

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT

DIRECTORS: D. Howe (Chair), N. Jensen (Vice Chair), M. Alto, R. Atwell, D. Blackwell, S. Brice, J. Brownoff, B. Desjardins, C. Hamilton, L. Helps, M. Hicks, B. Isitt, S. Lougher-Goodey (for S. Price), D. Martin (for W. McIntyre), C. Plant, J. Ranns, V. Sanders (for V. Derman), D. Screech, L. Seaton, C. Stock (for A. Finall), K. Williams, R. Windsor, G. Young

STAFF: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance and Technology; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; C. Culham, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; M. Rachwalski, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer, and N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

ALSO PRESENT: Alternate Directors C. Day, J. Loveday and C. Thornton-Joe

ABSENT: Director M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Alternate Director Stock, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the agenda be approved with the supplementary agenda, including the late delegation.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUS

2. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

2.1. 15-1093 Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the Board close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1): (d) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public must be excluded from the meeting; and (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

The Board moved to the closed session at 1:31 p.m.

The Board rose from the closed session at 1:35 p.m. without report.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1. 15-1080 Minutes of September 9, 2015 Capital Regional Hospital District Board meeting
- MOVED by Director Williams, SECONDED by Director Seaton,
That the minutes of September 9, 2015, Capital Regional Hospital District Board meeting be adopted.
CARRIED**

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

There was none.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- 5.1. 15-1122 Presentation: Jeremy Loveday, re agenda item 7.1
- J. Loveday spoke in favour of the motion for a Housing First Strategy proposed in item 7.1., which he felt builds on the decisions on affordable housing made by the CRD Board in September. He expressed that funding from the Hospital Board for non-traditional use was appropriate, as supported housing can provide medical service to vulnerable, low income residents of the region. In addition, he submitted a petition with 451 signatures in favour of a Regional Housing First Strategy, on file at Legislative and Information Services.
- 5.2. 15-1123 Delegation: Larry Wartels, Social Environmental Alliance, re agenda item 7.1
- L. Wartels spoke in favour of the motion for a Housing First Strategy proposed in item 7.1. He felt the levy amount was affordable for property owners. He gave an example of housing that had been de-commodified in Cuba and expressed that acting now would prevent having to go that route in the future.
- 5.3. 15-1124 Delegation: Art Farquharson, Industrial Workers of the World, re agenda item 7.1
- Art Farquharson and two other musicians performed a song with a theme related to the motion for a Housing First Strategy proposed in item 7.1., touching on the life circumstances of Canadians who cannot afford a home other than to live in their car.
- 5.4. 15-1154 Delegation: Andrew Beckerman, re agenda item 7.1
- A. Beckerman spoke in favour of the motion for a Housing First Strategy proposed in item 7.1. He spoke of personal experience providing rental housing to those in need at sub-market rates and of the challenged lives of the homeless. He felt the proposed Strategy, though initiated at the City of Victoria, would benefit the region, and compared it to the regional function of Victoria infrastructure such as Jubilee Hospital and Beacon Hill Park. He felt the levy was affordable to property owners. He gave examples in the US of good work

for the chronically ill and the marginally housed, such as purpose-built apartments that are paid for by savings in the cost to the health system.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 6.1. 15-1090** Awarding of Communications Consultant Contract for the Summit Residential Care Project
- MOVED** by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:
Approve the award of a contract of up to \$50,000 to Acumen Communications Group for communications services for the Summit project, and authorize the CRHD Board Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the contract.
CARRIED
- 6.2. 15-1091** Awarding of Geotechnical and Site Surveying Consultant Contracts for the Summit Residential Care Project
- MOVED** by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Stock,
That the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:
1. Approve the award of contracts and authorize the CRHD Board Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the contracts for:
 - a. Ryzuk Geotechnical for up to \$6,500, plus taxes; and,
 - b. Wey Mayenburg Land Surveying for up to \$5,000, plus taxes.
 2. Approve proceeding with additional consultant contracts and services as required, including: commissioning agent; energy modeling; acoustic; traffic studies; elevators; environmental; functional programming; and venue rentals.
CARRIED

7. MOTION WITH NOTICE

- 7.1. 15-1079** Improved Health Outcomes through a Regional Housing First Strategy
- The Committee discussion included the following points:
- the work of the Coalition to End Homelessness, the Housing Trust Fund and the Regional Housing Authority and the need to avoid duplication of effort
 - the motion as one of advocacy, information-gathering, and coalescing of service provider and housing groups, and an innovative way to look at financing.
 - different manifestations of homelessness within the region

Staff provided clarification on the non-traditional use funding provisions.

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Isitt,
That the Capital Regional Hospital District Board:
(1) Write the Prime Minister of Canada and federal Cabinet requesting that - in the context of developing a National Housing Strategy - the Federal Government immediately commit funding in partnership with other funders to provide 367 individuals with housing options and support services needed to address chronic homelessness in the Capital Region. This would reduce or eliminate the requirement for local taxpayer funding toward the capital costs and reflect the Government of Canada's traditional role in supporting the health outcomes and housing needs of Canadians;

(2) Write the Premier of British Columbia and Cabinet requesting a Provincial commitment toward the annual operating costs of housing with supports for at least 367 individuals, estimated at \$8.2 million annually (based on \$22,219 per person per year) for the necessary clinical and social supports, and an additional 182 rental supplements estimated at \$982,800 annually. Specific amounts and type of supports would be determined on a project by project basis.

(3) Refer this motion and attachments to member municipalities and Electoral Areas of the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD), to Island Health and to BC Housing requesting feedback by November 6, 2015;

(4) Direct staff to undertake the following and return to the CRHD Board with recommendations:

(a) A feasibility study of the Capital Regional Hospital District or the Capital Regional District serving as lead agency to develop and implement a plan for new units of housing with supports to substantially reduce homelessness within the Capital Region by 2018, in partnership with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, Island Health and BC Housing, social service agencies and other local, provincial and federal authorities;

(b) Develop detailed annual servicing cost estimates (principal and interest) and property tax impact for an initial 185 new units of supportive housing based on capital costs of \$30 million in time for potential inclusion in the 2016 budget;

(c) Explore options for alternative funding and financing of the estimated \$30 million capital costs of housing with supports to reduce the burden on local taxpayers. Options would include social impact investing, contributions from other levels of government, contributions of land and other non-financial tangible assets, and philanthropic and/or private contributions.

MOVED by Director Jensen, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
That part 4(a) be separated out and considered first.

CARRIED

OPPOSED Blackwell

The question was called on part 4(a):

(4) Staff be directed to undertake the following and return to the CRHD Board with recommendations:

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CARRIED

OPPOSED Blackwell, Ranns, Seaton

MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Jensen,
That sections 1, 2, 3, 4(b) and 4(c) be postponed to the December meeting of the Capital Regional Hospital District Board for consideration when the Feasibility Study has been completed.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Stock,
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:07 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER