

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Directors: K. Murdoch (Chair), J. Caradonna (Vice Chair), P. Brent (EP), S. Brice, Z. de Vries, G. Holman (EP), P. Jones, S. Kim (for M. Alto) (EP), D. Kobayashi, L. Szpak

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; R. Fowles, Manager, Construction & Capital Projects, Regional Housing; N. Kawata, Manager, Housing Initiatives & Programs; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors: M. Alto, C. McNeil-Smith, C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Kobayashi provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the agenda for the October 4, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee
meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-706](#) Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of September
6, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Murdoch remarked that he looked forward to discussions related to the substantial agenda items.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-691](#) Service Planning 2024 - Housing & Health Community Need Summary

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the percentage of the Community Need Summary being allocated by requisition
- clarification on the Rural Housing Strategy initiative
- the funding source for the Healthy Communities Planner initiative
- the work being done through the Reaching Home program and the CRD's role in relation to homelessness in the region

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends the Committee of the Whole
recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That Appendix A, Community Need Summary - Housing & Health, be approved as
presented and form the basis of the Provisional 2024-2028 Financial Plan.
CARRIED**

**6.2. [23-689](#) Relocation of the Mental Health and Substance Use Assertive Community
Treatment Teams - Approval of a Capital Bylaw**

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Brice,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
Hospital District Board:
1) That Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) funding in the amount of
\$600,000 be approved for the Relocation of the Mental Health and Substance Use
Assertive Community Treatment Teams;
2) That CRHD Bylaw No. 418, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No.
188, 2023", be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
3) That CRHD Bylaw No. 418 be adopted.
CARRIED**

**6.3. [23-688](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update, Third Quarter,
2023**

K. Lorette presented Item 6.3. for information.

6.4. [23-690](#) Major Capital Plan Status Report, Third Quarter 2023

K. Lorette presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the tenant relocation process during redevelopment.

6.5. [23-692](#) Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region - Funding Increase

Alternate Director Kim recused herself due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 2:30 pm.

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.5.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- expected receipt of the ratified 2022 financial statements
- the deliverables earmarked to receive funding
- potential impacts to program delivery due to insolvency of the Alliance

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

- 1) That staff be directed to negotiate a one-time increase of \$120,000 from \$225,000 to \$345,000 in 2024;
- 2) That staff be directed to amend the 2024 Financial Plan to reflect the increase in funding; and
- 3) That staff work through the 2025 service planning cycle to revisit the allocation of resources between the Alliance and those dedicated directly to advancing the CRD Board and Corporate priorities.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Kobayashi

Alternate Director Kim rejoined the meeting at 3:08 pm.

6.6. [23-693](#) Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness - Funding Extension

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.6.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of the financial statement line items
- allocation of funding

**MOVED by Director de Vries, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

- 1) That the Capital Regional District commits to three years of annual funding to support the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness starting at \$155,250 (2024) and increased annually based on the consumer price index for Victoria; and
- 2) That staff be directed to amend the Financial Plan to reflect the extended Service Agreement funding commencing in 2024.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

- 7.1. [23-701](#) Motion with Notice: CRD Rural Housing Strategy (Director Holman)
**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the proposed CRD rural housing strategy include specific measures to
address homelessness in electoral areas, including the focus of programs funded
or administered by CRD.
CARRIED**
- 7.2. [23-714](#) Motion with Notice: Drake Road Supportive Housing Updates (Director Holman)
This motion with notice was withdrawn.
- 7.3. [23-745](#) Notice of Motion: Drake Road Supported Housing Advocacy (Director Holman)
Director Holman provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Capital Regional District Board:

"That the CRD Board urge the BC Housing Minister to expedite completion of their Drake Rd. supported housing project, originally proposed by BC Housing in 2019."
- 7.4. [23-739](#) Notice of Motion: Secondary Suite Incentive Program in Electoral Areas Advocacy (Director Holman)
Director Holman provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Capital Regional District Board:

"That the CRD Board request the BC Housing Minister to include CRD electoral areas in the Secondary Suite Incentive Program."
- 7.5. [23-740](#) Notice of Motion: Reaching Home Program in Electoral Areas Advocacy (Director Holman)
Director Holman provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Hospitals and Housing Committee:

"That the CRD Board request the federal government to include electoral areas in the CRD in the Reaching Home Program within the region."

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director de Vries, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
That the October 4, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be adjourned at
3:37 pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

RECORDER