

## Meeting Minutes

### Hospitals and Housing Committee

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Wednesday, February 7, 2024

1:30 PM

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

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#### PRESENT

Directors: K. Murdoch (Chair), J. Caradonna (Vice Chair), M. Alto, P. Brent, Z. de Vries, G. Holman, P. Jones, D. Kobayashi (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, L. Szpak

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area; K. Mah, Health Communities Planner, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests: Patrica Maloney, Patricia Maloney Consulting; Matt Thompson and Jodee Ng, Urban Matters; Reka Gustafson, Island Health

Regrets: Directors S. Brice, C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Murdoch provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,  
That the agenda for the February 7, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee  
meeting be approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-135](#) Minutes of the December 6, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

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

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

#### 5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no delegations.

**5.1.**     [24-127](#)     Presentation: Patricia Maloney, Consultant; Re: Future Housing Priorities and Partnerships Framework

P. Maloney, Patricia Maloney Consulting, presented the CRD Regional Housing Acquisition Study.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- potential implications of the new provincial legislation around housing targets
- applying the financial analysis model to the rural municipalities and electoral areas
- the flexibility of this model

**5.2.**     [24-130](#)     Presentation: Matt Thomson and Jodee Ng, Urban Matters; Re: Future Housing Priorities and Partnerships Framework

M. Thompson and J. Ng, Urban Matters, presented the Rural Housing Program Pilot Financial Analysis.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- consideration of cottages as an option given the higher cost to build
- the effect the provincial secondary suite incentive program might have on this modeling
- the focus being on subsidizing the building of units rather than rental rates

**5.3.**     [24-129](#)     Presentation: Dr. Réka Gustafson, Chief medical Health Officer; Re: Local Government Role in the Drug Poisoning Crisis

Dr. R. Gustafson, Island Health, spoke to the Local Government Role in the Drug Poisoning Crisis presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- pursuit of a non-prescription supply model
- additional actions municipalities can take to stem the crisis

#### 6. Committee Business

**6.1.**     [24-024](#)     2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee Terms of Reference

K. Lorette presented Item 6.1. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the roles of the advisory committees reporting to this committee.

**6.2.**     [24-128](#)     Future Housing Priorities and Partnerships Framework

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- future reporting on the complex care solutions strategy
- potential opportunities resulting from the outcome of the recent Alternative Approval Process
- consideration of projects within the electoral areas
- the standards of affordability used for housing programs
- the process of determining priorities

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

- 1. That staff begin advancing efforts under the Regional Housing: Acquisition Strategy; and**
- 2. That the CRD negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership to receive \$100,000 for staff coordination of the Rural Housing Program pilot scoping.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion Arising:**

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

**That the Rural Housing Pilot Project Analysis and recommendations be referred to the Electoral Areas Committee for their review and possible recommendations to the Board.**

**CARRIED**

**Chair Murdoch asked that an invitation to attend the Electoral Areas Committee meeting where this item will be discussed be extended to the other rural municipalities in the region.**

**6.3.**     [24-101](#)     Reaching Home Program Agreement

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the components of coordinated assessment and access system
- the return on investment for these funds
- the various project requirements and approval processes
- whether the funding model provides support to the CRD

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

**That Capital Regional District staff be authorized to negotiate, execute  
agreements with the Government of Canada and receive funds through the  
Reaching Home Program and do all things incidental to finalize such agreements  
and deliver the program.**

**CARRIED**

Director Holman left the meeting at 3:52 pm.

**6.4.**     [24-094](#)     Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner Replacement at the Victoria  
General and Royal Jubilee Hospitals - Approval of Capital Bylaw No. 422

M. Barnes spoke to Item 6.4.

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

- 1) That the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) funding in the amount of \$600,000 be approved for Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner Replacement at the Victoria General and Royal Jubilee hospitals;
- 2) That CRHD Bylaw No. 422, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 192, 2024" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
- 3) That CRHD Bylaw No. 422 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6.5.**     [24-095](#)     Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital - Approval of  
Capital Bylaw No. 423

M. Barnes spoke to item 6.5.

**MOVED by Director Brent, SECONDED by Director de Vries,  
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 \$616,715 be approved for Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital;
- 2) That CRHD Bylaw No. 423, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No.193, 2024" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
- 3) That CRHD Bylaw No. 423 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**7. Notice(s) of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director de Vries, **SECONDED** by Director Szpak,  
That the February 7, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be  
adjourned at 3:57 pm.  
**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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RECORDER