

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

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

Staff: K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; R. Fowles, Manager, Planning & Capital Projects; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest: Diane MacKay, Island Health (EP)

Regrets: Directors G. Holman, C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Murdoch provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the agenda for the April 3, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting
be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-348](#) Minutes of the March 6, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of March 6,
2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-336](#) 2024 Minor Capital Projects and Equipment - Approval of Capital Bylaw

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the background and restrictions of the CRHD's contribution towards major capital projects
- staff to provide those interested committee members with a list of sites that are designated by the Ministry under the Hospitals Act

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

- 1) That the recommended 2024 Minor Capital Projects totalling \$3,750,000 be approved and expensed from the 2024 requisition;
- 2) That the recommended 2024 equipment grants of \$30,000 to Mount St. Mary Hospital and \$2,925,000 to Island Health be approved and expensed from the 2024 requisition;
- 3) That Bylaw No. 426, "Capital Regional Hospital District Bylaw No. 195, 2024", be introduced and read a first, second and third time; and
- 4) That Bylaw No. 426 be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2. [24-337](#) Tillicum Station Mortgage Renewal

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

**MOVED by Director Kobayashi, SECONDED by Director Alto,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Region
Housing Corporation Board:**

1. That the resolution required by BC Housing Management Commission to renew the mortgage for Tillicum Station through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Tendered Lending Program for a term not to exceed 10 years as required be approved; and
2. That Edward Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer or Nelson Chan, Chief Financial Officer, or their duly authorized delegates together or with any one officer or director of the Borrower for and on behalf of the Borrower be authorized to sign any documents related to the mortgage renewal.

CARRIED

6.3. [24-338](#) Capital Region Housing Corporation Operational Update, First Quarter 2024

K. Lorette presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the contributing factors resulting in a drop to average days vacant and faster turnover of units
- the policy for surplus funds at year-end
- clarification of the term "market affordable"

6.4. [24-339](#) Capital Plan Status Report, First Quarter 2024

K. Lorette presented Item 6.4. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding the rising building costs and interest rates.

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [24-266](#)

Motion with Notice: Supportive Housing in the Capital Region (Director Caradonna)

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

1. That the Board direct staff to work with the Reaching Home Program's Community Advisory Board and/or the Alliance to End Homelessness in Greater Victoria to undertake studies, reports, or analyses on the following topics related to supportive housing across the Capital Region:

a) A high-level regional resource inventory on services and supports within each jurisdiction that aid unhoused people (e.g. food banks, support services, indoor shelters, and so on.)

b) An analysis of the parks, public spaces, or campgrounds available for overnight sheltering for unhoused people across the region;

c) In light of the Province handing down supportive housing targets for all jurisdictions over a certain population, an assessment of the potential role for the CRD to play, in collaboration with local governments and BC Housing, in advancing regional supportive housing and sheltering objectives.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the intent of this motion.

Referral Motion

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,

The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the CRD Board:

To refer the following motion to staff to report back on the approach that would be taken and that a report come back to the Hospitals and Housing Committee:

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a) A high-level regional resource inventory on services and supports within each jurisdiction that aid unhoused people (e.g. food banks, support services, indoor shelters, and so on.)

b) An analysis of the parks, public spaces, or campgrounds available for overnight sheltering for unhoused people across the region;

c) In light of the Province handing down supportive housing targets for all jurisdictions over a certain population, an assessment of the potential role for the CRD to play, in collaboration with local governments and BC Housing, in advancing regional supportive housing and sheltering objectives.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Alto, Brent, Caradonna

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,

That the April 3, 2024 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:51 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER