

MINUTES of a Regional Hospital Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, May 13, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Clarke - Chair
Director Unruh
Director Bumstead
Director C. Morey
Director Allen
Director Sime
Director H. Morey
Director McCartney

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Kris Larson - Recording Secretary
Jim Cheverie - DOP
Linda Wallace - DRDS
Randy McLean - Treasurer
Tom Sprado - RFMM
Heather Brown - Acting Regional Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Alt. Director Novotny - NRRD
Bryan Redford - Fort Nelson General Hospital
S/Sgt. Bryan Reid - RCMP
Shelly Middleton
Leanne Esau - FN Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to Order
A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. Adoption of Agenda
MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the agenda for the May 13, 2002 Regional Hospital Board meeting be adopted for implementation as presented.

CARRIED

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3. Regional Hospital Board
April 22, 2002
Minutes

MOVED by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the minutes from the Regional Hospital Board meeting of April 22, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

4. Council/Board Information Package
April 26, 2002

MOVED by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated April 26, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Council/Board Information Package
May 3, 2002

MOVED by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated May 3, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Council/Board Information Package
May 10, 2002

MOVED by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated May 10, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

7. Bryan Redford, Health Service
Administrator, Fort Nelson
General Hospital, Re: Ultrasound
Unit, Request for Approval
to Purchase

Chair Clarke welcomed Mr. Redford and invited him to proceed with his presentation.

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7. (Con't)

Bryan Redford, Health Service Administrator for the Fort Nelson General Hospital, began by stating the hospital's reluctance to request funds from the Regional Hospital Board, but that the ultrasound machine currently being used by the hospital had to be replaced immediately.

Mr. Redford stated the hospital had researched having the current machine repaired by Toshiba, but the estimate was \$31,000. The current machine was purchased 10 years ago and if repaired, was uncertain how long it would last. The ultrasound machine has not been operating well for the past year and Mr. Redford noted most hospitals have their machines replaced every 5 to 6 years.

* S/Sgt. Bryan Reid entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Redford stated the hospital had received a quote of \$70,000 plus taxes to purchase a demo model. Normally, to purchase a new machine, it would cost \$300,000, but through the Northern Health Authority the Fort Nelson Hospital has been able to negotiate a much lower price for a new machine. Mr. Redford noted the new machine should last at least 7 years, with a 1 year warranty. It was suggested that an extended warranty option for the new machine be researched.

Treasurer McLean noted that approximately \$153,000 would be put into the Hospital's reserve fund for 2004, and that the \$70,000 required for a new ultrasound machine could be taken from those reserve funds.

MOVED by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the purchase of a fully equipped demo ultrasound unit with a full one-year warranty be approved for Fort Nelson General Hospital in the amount of \$70,000, plus taxes, with said funds being allocated from reserves.

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CORRESPONDENCE

8. Ministry of Health Services
Re: Regional Hospital District
Issues, For Information **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the letter dated April 22, 2002 from the Ministry of Health Services regarding Regional Hospital District issues be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Northern Health Authority
Re: Northern Health Authority
Plan, For Information **MOVED** by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that information dated April 23, 2002 from the Northern Health Authority regarding the Northern Health Authority Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment **MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the May 13, 2002 Regional Hospital Board meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Hospital Board meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Chair

Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

Kris Larson, Recording Secretary