

MINUTES of a Regional Hospital Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town/Regional District Office, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, October 28, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

THOSE PRESENT

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

Director McCartney -Absent

STAFF

Pat Bailey -Administrator
Debbie Walker -Corporate Administrator
Linda Wallace -DRDS
Tom Sprado -DRS
Heather Brown -Deputy Corporate Administrator
Gillian Villeneuve -Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Alt. Director Barr -NRRD
Alt. Director Blake -NRRD
Staff Sergeant Reid -RCMP
Keith Lutsiak
Shelley Middleton
Shirley Scott

1. **CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM 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 October 28, 2002 Regional Hospital Board meeting be adopted for implementation as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. **Regional Hospital Board
October 15, 2002** **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the minutes from the Regional Hospital Board meeting held October 15, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

4. **Informal Emergency
Regional Hospital Board
October 16, 2002** **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the minutes from the Informal Emergency Regional Hospital Board meeting held October 16, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

5. **Council/Board Information Package
October 18, 2002** **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated October 18, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

6. **Council/Board Information Package
October 25, 2002** **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated October 25, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Unruh noted that the Provincial Health Services Authority letter dated October 1, 2002 on the October 25, 2002 Council Board Information Package, stated the PHSA was "directly responsible for the management, programs and specialized services of the BC Cancer Agency" and perhaps the PHSA would be able to contribute towards the transportation of the mammography unit to Fort Nelson.

6. Continued

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Provincial Health Services Authority be advised that the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional Hospital District respectfully requests financial and administrative support to secure the transportation of a mammography unit to Fort Nelson, twice annually.

CARRIED

Director Unruh noted the October 25, 2002 edition of the Council/Board Information Package also included a Northern Health Authority Special Bulletin dated October 22, 2002 introducing Malcolm Maxwell as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Health Authority. Director Unruh suggested a letter be sent to Mr. Maxwell inviting him to Fort Nelson to discuss health care issues.

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that correspondence be forwarded from the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional Hospital District congratulating and welcoming Mr. Malcolm Maxwell on his appointment as CEO to the Northern Health Authority and extending an invitation to Mr. Maxwell and the Northern Health Authority Board to meet with the Northern Rockies Regional Hospital District in Fort Nelson.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

7. **Mammography Unit**

Director Bumstead noted she had several conversations with Darlene Geisbrecht, a radiology technician for the Fort St. John General Hospital, regarding the purchase of a Handi-Dart Van to transport the mammography unit to Fort Nelson. Director Bumstead explained she would be meeting with various community groups (ie: Rotary and Royal Purple) to discuss potential financial contributions towards the purchase of the Handi-Dart Van. Director Bumstead inquired as to the possibility of having the Van stored and maintained at the Public Works Shop when not in use transporting the mammography unit. The Handi-Dart Van could then be utilized by local residents in wheelchairs or as a 15 passenger van. Director Bumstead estimated the cost of a new Handi-Dart Van to be \$56,500 plus all applicable taxes. Director Bumstead noted the Handi-Dart Van could be owned by the Town/Regional District or Fort Nelson General Hospital.

7. **Continued** It was noted that the portable mammography unit required a specially equipped vehicle to transport the unit to Fort Nelson. It was suggested that a courier service or Brinks armoured car service could transport the unit.

Administration was *requested* to examine the potential to store and maintain a Handi-Dart Van at the Public Works Shop.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the meeting be declared adjourned at 7:15 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Hospital Board meeting held on Monday, October 28, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Gillian Villeneuve, Recording Secretary