

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

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, Z. de Vries (EP) (2:02 pm), G. Holman (EP), P. Jones, M. Wagner (for S. Goodmanson), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Finance and Technology; K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing, Planning and Protective Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; R. Fowles, Manager, Planning & Capital Projects, Regional Housing; J. Proctor, Manager, Planning, Policy & Programs, Regional Housing; J. Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area; K. Mah, Healthy Communities Planner, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Phillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest: D. Kobayashi, Mayor, City of Colwood

Regrets: Directors S. Brice, S. Goodmanson

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of July 2, 2025 be
approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0785](#) Minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting of June 4, 2025

MOVED by Director Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of June 4,
2025 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That an additional five minutes be added to the speaking time of the one
presentation.
CARRIED**

5.1.1. [25-0801](#)

Presentation: Doug Kobayashi, Mayor, City of Colwood Re: Colwood's Decision to Hire Family Doctors and Create a Municipal Health Model

D. Kobayashi presented Colwood's Decision to Hire Family Doctors and Create a Municipal Health Model.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of the billing process
- using this model to hire medical specialists
- retention incentives for medical staff
- options available to the Capital Regional Hospital District

Director de Vries joined the meeting electronically at 2:02 pm.

5.2. Delegations

5.2.1. [25-0813](#)

Delegation - Elizabeth FitzZaland; Representing Salt Spring Solutions: Re: Agenda Item 6.3. Bylaw No. 4691, "A Bylaw to Repeal Bylaws No. 3294 and 3296, 2025" - Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission and Advisory Committee

E. FitzZaland spoke to Item 6.3.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0798](#)**Research Report on Options for Regional Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning**

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the resources needed to action the recommendations.

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Alto, SECONDED by Alternate Director Wagner,
The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**Direct staff to include the consideration of the four points identified on page 2 of
the current staff report in the expected report back on the region's role in
advancing regional supportive housing and sheltering objectives.**

Discussion ensued regarding the status of funds allocated to partners who have ceased operations.

The question was called on the motion arising.

**The Hospitals and Housing Committee recommends to the Capital Regional
District Board:**

**Direct staff to include the consideration of the four points identified on page 2 of
the current staff report in the expected report back on the region's role in
advancing regional supportive housing and sheltering objectives.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Jones

Discussion ensued regarding:

- opportunities for the CRD to advance work on community safety and wellbeing
- the complexity of addressing community safety

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the Capital Regional District maintains status quo and revisits the Canadian
Centre for Safer Communities report recommendations in the 2027 service
planning process.**

CARRIED

Opposed: Alto, Jones

6.2. [25-0799](#) Caledonia Affordable Housing Redevelopment - Budget Amendment and Capital Region Housing Corporation Major Capital Plan (2025-2029) Amendment

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

Discussion ensued regarding the re-allocation of requisitioned funds to the Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region.

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

- 1. That the Caledonia Redevelopment project budget and the Capital Region Housing Corporation Major Capital Plan (2025-2029) be approved as amended in Appendix B;**
- 2. That the Resolution of Directors required by BC Housing Management Commission for the purpose of authorizing the execution of the loan and mortgage documents for the Caledonia Redevelopment project (PID 031-731-848), substantially attached as Appendix A, be approved; and**
- 3. That \$882,392 in surplus capital funding from the Michigan Square Redevelopment project be reallocated to the Caledonia Redevelopment project to offset the budget shortfall.**

CARRIED

6.3. [25-0800](#) Bylaw No. 4691, "A Bylaw to Repeal Bylaws No. 3294 and 3296, 2025" - Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission and Advisory Committee

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- maintaining funding levels in the Rural Housing Program Pilot (RHPP)
- opportunities to expand or further other projects by redeploying funds

Director McNeil-Smith left the meeting at 3:09 pm.

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

- 1) That Bylaw No. 4691, "A Bylaw to Repeal Bylaws No. 3294 and 3296, 2025", be introduced and read a first, second and third time;**
- 2) That Bylaw No. 4691 be adopted;**
- 3) That up to \$250,000 of the funds in the Regional Housing Trust Fund be allocated to the Rural Housing Program Pilot Project, with the remaining funds (approximately \$850,000) allocated to the Capital Region Housing Corporation's Verdier Project;**
- 4) That \$750,000 in requisition under the Regional Housing Trust Fund be included in the Capital Regional District provisional 2026 Financial Plan; and**
- 5) That Edward Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, or their duly authorized delegate, be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements, issue funds from the Regional Housing Trust Fund to the Rural Housing Pilot Project and the Capital Region Housing Corporation's Verdier Project, and do all things incidental to finalize such agreements and implement the projects.**

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of service participants.

Amending Motion:

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Director Brent,
That part 3 of the main motion be amended by replacing the amount "\$250,000" with the amount "\$500,000", and the amount \$850,000" be replaced with the amount "\$600,000", and that part 4 of the main motion be amended by replacing the amount "\$750,000" with the amount "\$500,000".

Discussion ensued regarding a potential funding gap on the Verdier Project.

Amendment to the Amending Motion:

MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Brent,
That the amendment be amended replacing the amount "\$500,000" with the amount "\$300,000", and the amount \$600,000" be replaced with the amount "\$800,000", and in part 4 replace the amount "\$500,000" with the amount "\$700,000".

Discussion ensued regarding the original intent of the requisition to advance housing priorities and partnerships in the region.

Director McNeil-Smith returned to the meeting at 3:57pm.

The question was called on the Amendment to the Amending Motion:

That the amendment be amended replacing the amount "\$500,000" with the amount "\$300,000", and the amount "\$600,000" be replaced with the amount "\$800,000", and in part 4 replace the amount "\$500,000" with the amount "\$700,000".

CARRIED

Opposed: Holman

The question was called on the Amending Motion as amended.

That part 3 of the main motion be amended by replacing the amount "\$250,000" with the amount "\$300,000", and the amount "\$850,000" be replaced with the amount "\$800,000", and that part 4 of the main motion be amended by replacing the amount "\$750,000" with the amount "\$700,000".

CARRIED

Opposed: Holman

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

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- 3) That up to \$300,000 of the funds in the Regional Housing Trust Fund be allocated to the Rural Housing Program Pilot Project, with the remaining funds (approximately \$800,000) allocated to the Capital Region Housing Corporation's Verdier Project;
- 4) That \$700,000 in requisition under the Regional Housing Trust Fund be included in the Capital Regional District provisional 2026 Financial Plan; and
- 5) That Edward Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, or their duly authorized delegate, be authorized to negotiate and execute agreements, issue funds from the Regional Housing Trust Fund to the Rural Housing Pilot Project and the Capital Region Housing Corporation's Verdier Project, and do all things incidental to finalize such agreements and implement the projects.

CARRIED

Opposed: Holman

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of July 2, 2025 be adjourned at 3:40 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER