

Meeting Minutes

Hospitals and Housing Committee

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: K. Murdoch (Chair), J. Caradonna (Vice Chair), M. Alto (EP), P. Brent (EP), S. Brice, Z. de Vries (1:37 pm), G. Holman (1:42 pm) (EP), P. Jones, D. Kobayashi, C. McNeil-Smith, L. Szpak

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; M. Barnes, Senior Manager, Health and Capital Planning Strategies; D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; R. Fowles, Manager, Construction & Capital Projects, Regional Housing; N. Kawata, Manager, Housing Initiatives & Programs; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest: Diane MacKay, Director, Island Health

Regrets: Director 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 McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,
That the agenda for the September 6, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [23-612](#) Minutes of the July 5, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Szpak, **SECONDED** by Director Kobayashi,
That the minutes of the Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting of July 5, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [23-619](#) Presentation: Julia O'Quinn, Director of Community Programs & Impact, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Society (ACEH); Re: Funding Request

Julia O'Quinn presented the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Society Funding Request.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- eligibility requirements for the various programs
- resignations resulting from possible unionization
- the selection process for potential residents
- funding sources and annual revenue budget

- 5.2. [23-621](#) Presentation: Sylvia Ceacero, Executive Director, and Jeff Bray, Co-Chair, Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region (AEHCR); Re: Funding Request

Sylvia Ceacero and Jeff Bray presented the Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region Funding Request.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- where the CRD funding is applied within the organization
- potential impacts if there is no increase to funding

6. Committee Business

6.1. [23-560](#) Carey Lane Mortgage, Final Project Approval and Major Capital Plan (2023-2027) Amendments

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding the energy savings resulting from the efficiency improvements.

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

- 1) That the Resolution of Directors in the form required by BC Housing Management Commission for the purposes of authorizing the execution of the Section 219 Covenants and the Loan and Mortgage documents for the Carey Lane Building Envelope Remediation (BER), substantially in the form as attached hereto as Appendix A, be approved;
- 2) That Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, and Nelson Chan, Chief Financial Officer, or their duly authorized delegates, or any two directors or officers of the Corporation be authorized to do all things necessary to affect the project and take such steps as are required to conclude the financing, construction and operation of the Carey Lane BER project; and
- 3) That the Capital Region Housing Corporation Major Capital Plan (2023-2027) be approved as amended in Appendix B.

CARRIED

6.2. [23-618](#) Victoria General Hospital Medical Device Reprocessing Department Expansion - Approval of a Capital Bylaw

K. Lorette introduced Diane MacKay, Director, Island Health, and spoke to Item 6.2.

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

- a) That Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) funding in the amount of \$1,272,000 be approved for the Victoria General Hospital Medical Device Reprocessing Department Expansion;
- b) That CRHD Bylaw No. 419, "Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Bylaw No. 189, 2023" be introduced and read a first, second, and third time; and
- c) That CRHD Bylaw No. 419 be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

7.1. [23-647](#) Notice of Motion: Implications of Funding for Homelessness Agencies (Director de Vries)

Director de Vries provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the CRD Board:

"That staff return to the October meeting of the Hospitals and Housing Committee with a Staff Report detailing the implications associated with a requested 5-year funding extension to the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (\$150,000 annually with an annual inflation indexation) and a requested increase in funding (\$120,000 annually with an annual cost of living indexation) for the Alliance to End Homelessness in the Capital Region (totaling \$345,000 annually)."

7.2. [23-648](#) Notice of Motion: CRD Rural Housing Strategy (Director Holman)

Director Holman provided the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of the Hospitals and Housing Committee:

"That the proposed CRD rural housing strategy include specific measures to address homelessness in electoral areas, including the focus of programs funded or administered by CRD."

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the September 6, 2023 Hospitals and Housing Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:48 pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER