



## HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

1:30 PM - COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2

175 INGRAM STREET, DUNCAN, BC

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General Manager, Corporate Services

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 4:04 pm.

**PRESENT:** Chair G. Seymour  
Directors M. Dorey, G. Giles and L. Iannidindardo

**ABSENT:** Directors R. Hutchins, P. Kent and M. Marcotte

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services  
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

## STAFF REPORTS

### 4SR1

A verbal report from the General Manager, Corporate Services, regarding long term capital planning for the replacement/redevelopment of the Cowichan District Hospital was considered.

The General Manager, Corporate Services reminded the Committee that at the last meeting he was directed to come up with some options/strategies to budget for a proposed redevelopment of the Cowichan District Hospital and to provide tax rate comparisons, in this regard, to other local governments.

Mr. Kueber explained that through research he estimates that the replacement cost is approximately \$125,000,000 for which the Regional District's share (or 40% of that amount) would be \$50,000,000. Mr. Kueber provided various options, on this basis and over a 20 year amortization, to the Committee regarding the necessary amounts that would need to be put into a reserve fund each year for the next seven years to secure that funding until the end of 2016 at which time the balance would require borrowing.

Mr. Kueber explained to the Committee in detail five different funding scenarios he felt should be considered if the Board chooses to raise the capital reserve and borrow funds for a replacement/redevelopment of the Hospital.

[These five options detailed as follows:]

The Committee discussed proposed funding for the Hospital and the possible tax impact on an average property assessment noting that the assessment base would most likely broaden over the next seven years.

It also discussed comparisons, as provided by Mr. Kueber at the meeting, of hospital tax rates from other local governments noting that the options Mr. Kueber has proposed would still result in lower tax rates than most others.

It was the consensus of the Committee that putting aside a portion annually, rather than borrowing the whole amount, for a proposed Hospital redevelopment would be preferred in that interest would be earned not charged and that the overall actual cost would be significantly less.

**It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Regional Services Committee that \$1,000,000 be included in the 2010 Regional Hospital District Budget for a proposed new/redevelopment of the Cowichan District Hospital.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chair Seymour asked the Committee to be prepared to demonstrate the merits of the Hospital capital reserve and borrowing – *Option B* to the Regional Services Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT  
5:20 pm**

**It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Certified Correct:

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 19, 2010 **FILE NO:** HAC  
**TO:** Health Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Warren Jones, Administrator  
**SUBJECT: COWICHAN LODGE REPORT**

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**Recommendation:**

That it be recommended that the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District Board (CVRHDB) oversee the preparation of a report outlining potential health care uses for Cowichan Lodge with the understanding that costs associated with the preparation of the report are funded from a grant by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) to the CVRHDB.

**Background:**

The Community Health Network and VIHA are interested in understanding and determining the future potential health care uses of Cowichan Lodge. VIHA has agreed to provide a grant to enable the preparation of a report that would include:

- History of Cowichan Lodge - the structure, rationale for why it is no longer suitable for residential care, etc.
- Review of health services needs in the Region - what is lacking, what is most needed.
- Analysis of the potential options for continuum of care within the Cowichan Lodge facility inclusive of tertiary mental health care and other options such as respite care, daycare, hospice care, dementia care, bathing, and others.
- Of the services needed and potentially accommodated within Cowichan Lodge which ones are currently funded - what are the short and long-term costs of each option.

The final report will be presented to the Planning Group and then from the Planning Group to the Community Health Network for discussion, information and consideration. It is not intended that the report be a basis upon which recommendations are made to either the CVRHDB or VIHA.

VIHA has agreed to provide a grant to the CVRHDB to enable the report to be prepared by a "third party" under the direction of the Planning Group.

In order to complete the project in a timely manner, it is proposed that a select number of firms/individuals be invited to submit proposed for the work

Submitted by,

Warren Jones  
Administrator