

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE NANAIMO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 AT 5:05 PM IN THE  
RDN COMMITTEE ROOM**

In Attendance:

Director J. Kipp	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G
Director W. Pratt	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach

Also in Attendance:

Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Harrison	Director of Corporate Services
W. Idema	Director of Finance
R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
C. Golding	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Deanna Fourt, Director of Energy Management, Cecil Rhodes, Corporate Director of Facilities Operations, Chris Sullivan, Director of Capital Planning and Joe Murphy, Vice President of Operations & Support Services, Island Health re Update on Electrical and Boiler Plant projects.**

Deanna Fourt, Director of Energy Management provided an update on the Electrical Energy Centre project – estimated cost \$12.5 million. There are two existing transformers which are currently working at peak capacity. Photovoltaic methods have been looked into as Island Health is committed to reducing the carbon footprint and taking action on climate change. The electrical project will be completed first, followed by the boiler plant project.

Deanna Fourt also presented the Board with a summary of options for the Thermal Energy Boiler Plant project. The existing boiler is 50 years old and poses a significant risk of failure. A hybrid biomass boiler uses wood chips, and is able to supply the majority of the heating requirements with gas boilers used as back up. The hybrid biomass option is considered to provide improved heating efficiency, has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80%, will ensure capacity to meet current and future

requirements, and will keep energy dollars local by providing a market for wood waste which could also potentially reduce land clearing burns. A conventional gas/fuel operated boiler is capable of delivering the heating load to the entire hospital, has lower construction cost (\$12.5 million) than the biomass option (\$16.7 million), and is proven to be effective. Estimated operating cost reductions for biomass are \$800,000 per year vs: \$33,000 for conventional and the biomass option is considered to provide lower greenhouse gas emissions. There are no similar local facilities that have been in operation for more than 5 years to determine if there are any issues with this type of boiler.

Joe Murphy requested that the Select Committee provide feedback on the two options with some direction on best option from Hospital District perspective.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbroek, that the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board support the Biomass Boiler option in Principle and request more information on the costing.

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Stanhope, that the motion be tabled until the next meeting of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Select Committee.

CARRIED

**MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Select Committee meeting held Tuesday, February 10, 2015.**

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director McPherson, that the minutes of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Select Committee meeting held Tuesday, February 10, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Westbroek, that the motion be taken from the table.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbroek, that the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board support the Biomass boiler option in Principle and request more information on the costing.

DEFEATED

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Pratt, that the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board support the gas/fuel operated conventional boiler option.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Stanhope, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

TIME: 6:52 PM

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CHAIRPERSON

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CORPORATE OFFICER