

DATE: 2023.01.23

LOCATION: Council Chambers – City Hall

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

413 Fourth Street, Kaslo

PRESENT:	Chair	Mayor Hewat
	Members	Councillor Bird, Deb Borsos, Elizabeth Brandrick, Liz Ross
	Staff	CO Allaway
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**1. Election of Chair***The Corporate Officer called three times for nominations from the floor.*

- 1.1 Liz Ross nominated Mayor Hewat

*No other nominations were received.*

- 1.2 The Corporate Officer confirmed Mayor Hewat as Chair of the Health Advisory Committee for 2023.

**2. Call to Order***The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.***3. Adoption of the Agenda**

- 3.1 Adoption of the Agenda for the 2023.01.23 Health Advisory Committee

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

***THAT the Agenda for the 2023.01.23 Health Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.*****4. Adoption of the Minutes**

- 4.1 Adoption of the Minutes for the 2022.07.18 Kaslo and Area D Health Care Select Committee

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

***THAT the Minutes of the 2022.07.18 Kaslo and Area D Health Care Select Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.*****5. Delegations***Nil***6. Information Items**

- 6.1 **2022.07.28 MLA Response re: Residential Care Capacity**
- 6.2 **Aging Populations and Health Services in the WKBRHD (August 2022)**
- 6.3 **September 2022 Committee Reports**
- 6.4 **Healthy Workforce Institute Quarterly Best Practice Magazine Announcement**

6.5 **Interior Health Mayors & RHD Chair Roundtable Presentation (December 9, 2022)**

6.6 **2022.11.04 letter from Ambulance Paramedics of BC**

6.7 **Seniors Coordinator Report – January 2023**

*Items 6.1 – 6.7 were received for information.*

## **7. Question Period**

*Nil*

## **8. Business**

8.1 **Health Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

*The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference.*

8.2 **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

***THAT Health Advisory Committee meetings for 2023 will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:***

- ***March 13***
- ***May 15***
- ***July 17***
- ***September 25***
- ***November 20***

8.3 **2023 Strategic Planning**

8.3.1 Discussion regarding priorities for 2023

The following priorities were identified for 2023:

- a) Restore 24/7 health services at VCHC
- b) Promote access to remote medical appointments
- c) Improve rural access to services (Lardeau Valley)
- d) Support ambulance and community paramedicine services
- e) Monitor dental and optometry services in the community
- f) Promote availability of visiting service providers (internist)
- g) Advocate for maintaining and expanding specialist services at Kootenay Lake Hospital
- h) Advocate for additional residential care beds for VCHC
- i) Advocate for additional assisted living beds in Kaslo

8.3.2 Discussion topics for IHA

- Optometry
- Locum accommodation
- Physio space



- Residential care beds – what does IHA need to know about our community in order to follow through on the historic request? Is there a study/report required? What data do they need? Can we collaborate on gathering the required information?
- 24/7 emergency services
- How do we work with IHA towards meeting the anticipated need, so we are ready 10 years from now?
- How do we get statistics for Kaslo separated out from the Nelson data?
- Availability of bloodwork/lab services – can wait times be reduced?
- Staffing updates – has there been any progress on replacing Dr. Smit?

#### 8.3.3 Discussion topics for MLA

- Residential care beds – what does IHA need to know about our community in order to follow through on the historic request? Is there a study/report required? What data do they need? Can we collaborate on gathering the required information?
- 24/7 emergency services – what statistics are available to support this decision? (compared to New Denver?)
- Can dialysis services be made available in Nelson?

### 9. Late Items

*Staff is directed to request an update on local service capacity from Sara Rainford-Thomas, BC Ambulance.*

### 10. Next Meeting

*The next meeting of the Health Advisory Committee is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023 in Council Chambers.*

### 11. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chair

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Corporate Officer

