
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2006

VIA TELECONFERENCE

08:30 HOURS

Present: Lynda Mann- Chair, Myrtle Bilow, Anne Lacquette, Esther Fyk, Dorothy Connolly, Monica Black, Rowena Powell, John Zaplitny, Paul Freed, Paul Overgaard, Heather Morden, Barry Chalmers

Regrets: Gerald Shewchuk, Doreen Stammen

Staff: André Rémillard, Gerald Hackenschmidt, Linda Kulkarni, Mavis Wood, and Karen Vendramin (Recording Secretary)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Lynda Mann called the Board meeting to order at 08:30 hours and read the Notice of the Special Meeting as follows:

“In accordance with Board Bylaw#1, Section 16, a Special Meeting of the Board has been called by Board Chair, Lynda Mann for Friday, October 20, 2006 at 08:30 am via teleconference.”

MOTION 06-077

Anne Lacquette/Monica Black

To accept the reading of the notice of the Special Meeting of the Board.

CARRIED

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Role call was taken and a quorum was established.

3. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

3.1 Swan Valley Health Facilities Draft Transfer Agreement.

André Rémillard noted that due to time constraints a special meeting of the Board was called in advance of the October 30th regular Board meeting. Swan Valley Health Facilities Board wished to have the matter resolved for an effective date of transfer as November 1, 2006. Once ratified by the PRHA Board, Ministerial approval must also be sought before being finalized.

André Rémillard stated that the proposed transfer agreement was modeled after similar agreements to what had been used in the 1990's when other facilities in the Region were transferred to the RHA. Modifications to the document were also based on the most recent transfer of the Deer Lodge Hospital to the WRHA.

Mr. Rémillard specifically discussed Paragraph 5.2 regarding the Assumption of Liabilities which states that

“the Board of the Swan Valley Health Facilities acknowledges its obligation under subsection 54(1.1) of the Health Services Act to apportion any unfunded outstanding debts of the Hospital District to the Included Municipalities and to notify the Included Municipalities of their duty under subsection 54(2) to pay the apportioned amounts. If there are no unfunded outstanding debts, the Board will provide a statement to that effect to the Authority prior to the effective date.”

This item was added for additional clarification.

One other point noted by Mr. Rémillard is regarding Employees which states

“ Subject to Part 6 of the Act and any other applicable provisions, the Authority shall be bound by the terms, conditions and funding obligations set forth in all Employment and

Other Contracts and in personnel policies currently in place and relating to the Health Corporations or the operation of the facilities. In the case of non-unionized employees at all levels, the Authority covenants and agrees to adhere to all statutory requirements in relation to all dealings with such employees, and to recognize those employees' service records within the Health Corporations."

Mr. Rémillard clarified that the Labour Board will rule on Collective Agreements and the manner in which the Agreements will be addressed.

André Rémillard asked if any members had questions or comments to make regarding the transfer agreement or the process?

Lynda Mann asked for clarification on the employee issue inquiring if there is a set process in place already for the resolution of issues related to employees? Mr. Rémillard affirmed that there is a process in place as defined by the Labour Board.

Ms. Mann also inquired about the assumption of liabilities and if the PRHA knew what the debt amount would be at the time of the transfer? Mr. Rémillard noted that this amount would be determined by an audit at the time of the transfer. Gerald Hackenschmidt added that there may be no debt to transfer if the assets exceed or match the debt.

Heather Morden inquired about the status of the unopened beds in Swan Valley Health Centre and if this was likely to change because of the transfer? Mr. Rémillard noted that some of the beds had been opened based on the current needs of the community and that there was sufficient staff available for the opening of these beds.

Heather Morden inquired about the status of Swan Valley Health Facility Board members following the transfer. André Rémillard stated that this matter was addressed in the Winding Up and Dissolution section of the transfer agreement adding that there would be some duties required during the transfer process, however, following the completion of the transfer the Swan Valley Board would take the necessary action to dissolve.

Monica Black and Heather Morden both inquired about the status of the Swan Valley Health Facilities Foundation. André Rémillard stated this is a stand-alone organization and the Foundation would continue to manage itself as a separate entity. In addition Mr. Rémillard stated that all donations and amounts made in trust to the Swan Valley Health Facility would remain in a registered trust account for the use specified by the donor i.e. donations made to Swan Valley facilities would remain in Swan Valley facilities.

John Zaplitny commented that the public is unlikely to see any changes in the day to day management of the facilities, as this is simply a change in ownership at this time. John Zaplitny noted that the transfer was initiated at the request of the Swan Valley Health Facilities Board.

Barry Chalmers stated that he anticipates that there will be some negative feelings in the community regarding the transfer and that it may take some time for the community to resolve these feelings.

Rowena Powell stated that the PRHA should be mindful of the community's apprehension and look at ways to proactively ease public fears through press releases and public announcements and added that it may be helpful to inform the public of the steps involved in the transfer process.

MOTION 06-078

Paul Overgaard/Esther Fyk

That the Board authorize the Chair and Chief Executive Officer to accept the transfer of Swan Valley Health Facilities to the Parkland Regional Health Authority and to petition the Minister to approve the transfer.

Vote recorded as follows:

Esther Fyk – Yes, Paul Overgaard – Yes, Myrtle Bilow – Yes, Monica Black – Yes, Heather Morden – Yes, John Zaplitny – Yes, Dot Connolly – Yes, Anne Lacquette – Yes, Barry Chalmers – Yes, Rowena Powell – Yes, Paul Freed – Yes, Lynda Mann – Yes

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION 06-079

Anne Lacquette/ Myrtle Bilow

That the meeting be adjourned at 08:55 hours.

CARRIED

Lynda Mann, Chair

André Rémillard, Secretary