



**MINUTES** of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting held on **Thursday, January 07, 2016**, 17:00 hours, Auditorium, Met Campus, 1995 Lens Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

**PRESENT:**

Bob Renaud, Chair	Patricia France	
Lisa Landry	John Leontowicz	David Musyj (ex-officio, non-voting)
Dr. Maureen Muldoon	Ruth Orton	Dr. Gary Ing (ex-officio, non-voting)
Anthony Paniccia	Pam Skillings	Karen McCullough (ex-officio, non-voting)
Lynne Watts	Dan Wilson	Dr. Gerry Cooper (ex-officio, non-voting)
Yvan Poulin	Gay Wrye	Dr. Kristen Gyetvai (ex-officio, non-voting)
Leanne Leech		

**STAFF:**

Executive Committee

**REGRETS:**

Arvind Arya  
Dr. Sowmil Mehta (ex-officio, non-voting)  
Dr. Minesh Singh (ex-officio, non-voting)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 1708 hours with Mr. Renaud presiding as Chair, and Ms. Clark recording the minutes.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None noted.

**3. PREVIOUS MINUTES – December 10, 2015**

The minutes of the December 10, 2015 Board of Directors meeting had been previously distributed.

**MOVED** by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Mr. J. Leontowicz and **CARRIED** **THAT** the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

**4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT & CEO:**

Mr. Musyj reported.

**County & City Council meetings:** A delegation including Mr. D. Cooke, Ms. J. Kaffer and himself attended and spoke at the County and City Council meetings concerning a tax levy for the state-of-the-art hospital. The meeting with County Council went very well; better than anticipated. The group was surprised that not only did it go well, but when it was time to vote, it was a unanimous decision in favour of the levy. As a result of that, our plan was

to go to City Council next. We had dates at the end of January but there were scheduling problems that would have pushed it out to the end of February. We thought it was not fair to the City Council to have a two month delay to hear our presentation, and we wanted the City and County Councils to work together. There was a budget deliberation session that we applied for as a delegation. Initially, we were criticized for trying to push this through City Council. They had the option to defer our presentation but they did not. The vote was 9 to 1 in favour of the levy. Over the holidays, the City and County met and decided on the division of the levy. Now they will individually go back to their Councils and decided how this \$200 million will be financed over the next several years.

**New Hospital System Planning:** There was an FOI request made in August. It moved quickly to the point of release in less than 6 months. We had to notify the 22 properties and they had the option of asking for anything in their proposal to us, to be excluded. Yesterday was the release of the FOI material, which is now publicly on line. Under the RFP, there was a blackout period for property owners to ask their own questions. We released it and it is also on line. But we did not want to release it without an explanation. We developed an Executive Summary of the documents and we gave that to the requestor. We put that on line as well. We held a media event today, which went well, and we reviewed all of the FOI material with them. Many of the Site Selection committee members were also in attendance. The Committee was comprised of a diverse group of individuals. The night before the release of the FOI material, Mr. Musyj received a phone call that WRH had been served with a lawsuit from the company that finished in second place.

One of the media asked today, if the second finisher was leading to the second phase. We actually allowed up to five proposals in the second phase, but agreed to only the top two.

The legal firm and the Fairness Advisor met with the two property owners and emphasized the importance of price. The points between the first and second place were very close. We would have been pleased with either. The one who was initially in second place, had a lower acquisition cost and that moved them into first place.

We know we will not make everybody happy.

The Chair added that the Site Selection Committee has made its decision. If a judge overrules this, we will start again and pick our own site.

Mr. Musyj added that there are five other hospitals at the same stage as WRH; Muskoka, Ottawa, Scarborough, Niagara and Durham, so this is very competitive. Two of those hospitals are actively moving to Stage 2.

The hospital that gets to Stage 2 first has the best chance of proceeding. We will defend ourselves as an organization. The O'Keefe's were also sued and will have to defend themselves against someone they don't even know for something they were not responsible for.

Mr. Musyj stated that we have a lot of programs that are tertiary that support areas beyond Windsor/Essex and those volumes support some of our programs. That adds a "regional" aspect to the new hospital.

The Chair hoped this would not push us further back in the line for Stage 2 approval.

**2015 Accreditation:** WRH received Accreditation with Commendation, which is fantastic. This allows us an opportunity to get better.

**5. UPDATE – SHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY:**

Dr. Cooper referred to his written report and welcomed any questions.

- Dr. Larry Jacobs has been named the new Assistant Dean.
- Dr. Cooper stated he joined the group that went to City Council for the tax levy. They made a formidable presentation. The Medical School is in business because we are trying to address health issues in this community, so it is important for us to be able to attract physicians to this area.

**6. TREASURER’S REPORT – November, 2015:**

Mr. Paniccia reported.

- WRH is currently below target by \$5.5 million but tracking well for expenses.
- There is an overall a variance of \$4.9 million to our budget.
- Our deficit to November was \$16 million.
- The hospital continues to be in a good cash position.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**i) Finance/Audit & Resources –December 21, 2015**

**MOVED** by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Ms. G. Wrye and **CARRIED**

**THAT** the reports from the December 21, 2015 Finance/Audit & Resources Committee meeting be accepted.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**OHA Webcast on Board Self-Assessment:**

The Chair reminded the Board about the upcoming OHA webcast on Board Self-Assessment, January 14 at 12:00, Clinical Education Conference Centre. Our Board has been registered, so please feel free to attend.

**Upcoming Officer Vacancies:**

The Chair spoke about the upcoming nomination and election process for the Vice-Chair and Treasurer positions that would need to be filled this year. Ms. Clark will forward information to the Board members by February 01, 2016.

**9. BUSINESS ARISING:**

None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE/PRINTED MATTER:**

- i) Media Report
- ii) “The Standard”
- ii) SOP Dashboard

**11. BOARD member Questions, Comments or Notices of Motions**

None

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 04, 2016, Met Campus Auditorium

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, it was

**MOVED** by Mr. A. Paniccia, **SECONDED** by Mr. Y. Poulin and **CARRIED**  
**THAT** the January 07, 2016 Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 1803 hours.

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Robert Renaud, Chair  
Board of Directors

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Cheryle Clark  
Recording Secretary

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