



**Board of Directors – Public Forum  
Minutes – March 29, 2018  
Crown Isle Resort  
399 Clubhouse Drive, Courtenay, BC V9N 9G3**

<b>Members</b>	Leah Hollins, Chair		
<b>Present</b>	Anne Davis	Ron Mattson	Jean Wheeler
	Anne McFarlane	Claire Moglove	MJ Whitemarsh
<b>Regrets</b>	Roger Barnsley	Robina Thomas	Ken Watts
<b>Guests</b>	Kathy MacNeil, President & CEO		
<b>Present</b>	Elin Bjarnason, Interim Executive Vice President, Quality, Safety & Experience		
	Jamie Braman, Vice President, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement		
	Catherine Claiter-Larsen, Vice President, Quality Systems and Chief Information Officer		
	Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer, North Island		
	Jeremy Etherington, Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer		
	James Hanson, Vice President, Operations & Support Services		
	Catherine Mackay, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer		
	Louise Carlow, Board Liaison		

**1. Call to Order**

Leah Hollins, Chair called the forum to order at 1:40 pm.

On behalf of the Board of Directors L. Hollins welcomed guests and introduced the Board in attendance.

**2. Population Health**

Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer, North Island provided a presentation on the health of the Comox Valley population. The following points were highlighted:

- The average age of the population is higher (46.1 years) than BC (44.9 years) and on the Island in general (42). The population is expected to increase by 25% over the next 25 years.
- Income and social status, social support networks, education and literacy, and health child development are among the determinants of health.
- Air quality and drinking water are also factors for population health in the Comox Valley.

**3. CEO Report**

Kathy MacNeil, President & CEO spoke to those present about the current state of the Island Health population and the impact of chronic illness on the healthcare system and highlighted the importance of cultural safety and humility. She spoke to the Island Health strategy and the development of the Comox Valley Community Health network and increased access to primary care on the island. She also commented on the mental health challenges of the Island's population noting the prevalence of depression and anxiety/mood disorders is 13% higher than the rest of BC. She concluded her presentation by thanking partners in healthcare including the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital

District and other organizations as well as staff, physicians, unions, other healthcare providers and volunteers.

#### **4. Public Presentations**

The Board received presentations from member of the public as follows:

- Jennifer Pass, Comox Valley Elders Take Action;
- Grant Shilling, Dawn to Dawn Action on Homelessness Society;
- Melanie Olson, The Power of Five;
- Jennell Ellis, Breathe Clean Air Comox Valley;
- Peggy Stirret, Seniors Voices Comox Valley.

The forum concluded at 3:35 pm.