

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**

PRESENT: Chair Jerry Petersen

Directors Dolores Funk – via teleconference  
Judy Greenaway  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Mark Parker  
Michael Riis-Christianson – arrived at 10:26 a.m.  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
John Illes, Treasurer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – arrived at 10:30 a.m.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:38 a.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2020-4-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of July 16, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Stuart-Nechako Regional  
Hospital District Meeting  
Minutes – May 7, 2020

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2020-4-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of May 7, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORT**

Capital Expenditure Bylaw  
No. 28, 2020

Moved by Director T. Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2020-4-3

“That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 78, 2020 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### Village of Granisle Health Centre

Director McGuire mentioned that the Health Centre in the Village of Granisle will be moved from its current location to the Babine Elementary Secondary School once renovations are complete at the School. Northern Health has indicated the move to the new location is to take place in the Fall of 2020.

### In Person Medical Appointments

Director Greenaway noted that due to COVID-19 they are still not allowing in person medical appointments in Fort St. James.

### College of New Caledonia -Lakes Campus – Licensed Practical Nursing Program

Director Riis-Christianson expressed appreciation for the number of students graduating from the College of New Caledonia – Lakes Campus Licensed Practical Nursing Program. He spoke to the importance of local programming.

### BC Ambulance Personal

Director Lambert spoke of a resident recently moved to the Southside of Francois Lake that is completing their Paramedic education and training. Director Lambert brought forward concerns in regard to BC Ambulance intending to station the individual in Burns Lake rather on the Southside where there is a need. He spoke of the challenges on the Southside of Francois Lake to have BC Ambulance attend emergency events.

Discussion took place in regard to concerns and challenges of similar issues in Granisle and Fraser Lake. The Village of Granisle is requesting a meeting with BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) at the 2020 UBCM Virtual Convention. Coordinating a meeting with BCEHS was discussed.

### Fraser Lake Medical Clinic

Director Parker mentioned that the Fraser Lake Clinic is open and operational with full level of staffing.

### Long-term Care Facilities -Increasing Visitation

Director Funk commented that the Long-term Care Facilities in Burns Lake are increasing visitation at their facilities. There have been visitation restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### Northern Health Advisory Committee Meeting – Stuart Lake Hospital

Chair Petersen and Director T. Greenaway attended the Northern Health Advisory Committee regarding the Stuart Lake Hospital on June 22, 2020. The new Stuart Lake Hospital Project is currently on schedule with construction to begin in 2021 and completion in 2024.

### BC Rural & First Nations Health & Wellness Summit

Chair Petersen attended the virtual BC Rural & First Nations Health & Wellness Summit June 29 – 30, 2020. Directors Thiessen, Lambert and Riis-Christianson also attended parts of the Summit. He noted that there were over 900 people registered to attend the main sessions with breakout sessions. Discussion took place in regard to connectivity challenges during the event. Director Riis-Christianson noted discussion took place in regard to the importance of good connectivity for healthcare.

### Stuart Nechako Manor

Director Thiessen noted that the Stuart Nechako Manor is allowing one designated person visitation in its long-term care facility.

### Dementia Care Unit in Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen mentioned that work continues on a Dementia Care Unit in Vanderhoof with the District of Vanderhoof, Northern Health and BC Housing.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Doctor Shortages in  
Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen mentioned that in December 2019 Vanderhoof experienced a doctor shortage. Recruitment has been taking place to ensure that staffing levels are at a sustainable level. He noted the number of staff and physicians required in order to provide surgical capacity. He spoke of continued recruitment for an anesthesiologist.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2020-4-4

“That the verbal reports from the various Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director J. Greenaway  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2020-4-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:44 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant