

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Jerry Petersen

Directors Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire – via Zoom
Mark Parker
Bob Motion
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Treasurer
Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison -via Zoom– arrived at 10:28 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers – via Zoom – arrived at 10:24 a.m.
Shane Brienen, District of Houston – via Zoom – arrived at 10:24 a.m.
Lori Borth, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – arrived at 10:28 a.m.
Mark Fisher, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) – via Zoom – arrived at 10:24 a.m.
Mike Hykaway, Assistant Deputy Minister, North, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – arrived at 10:24 a.m.
Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom
Ken Nielsen, Burns Lake – via Zoom

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Curtis Helgesen, CAO called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ELECTIONS

Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2022.

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2022-1-1

“That Director Petersen be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2022.”

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, CAO Helgesen declared Director Petersen, Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2022 by acclamation.

Acting Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2022.

ELECTIONS (CONT'D)

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Motion

SNRHD.2022-1-2

“That Director Greenaway be nominated for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2022.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Acting Chairperson a second time.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Acting Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, CAO Helgesen declared Director Greenaway as Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2022 by acclamation.

Chair Petersen took the chair.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2022-1-3

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of January 13, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2021

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2022-1-4

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of October 7, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Budget and Update for 2022

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Thiessen

SNRHD.2022-1-5

“That the SNRHD Interim Financial Summary for 2021 be received.

And that, Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 84, 2022 be given first and second reading this 13th day of January, 2022.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Treasurer provided an overview of the Budget and Update for 2022 memorandum. Discussion took place regarding the “real” tax rate moving forward and a minimal increase. Staff will bring forward a report with various scenarios at a future SNRHD meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Honourable Adrian Dix,
Minister of Health -Hospital
District Act Update

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2022-1-6

“That the Board receive the Correspondence from the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health – *Hospital District Act Update*.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Laboratory at the Lakes District
Hospital and Health Centre

Director Funk noted that the Laboratory at the Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre has had a Medical Laboratory Technician leave and it is extremely short staffed. This places Emergency Room services at risk as well. Director Funk has been working with Northern Health to attract staff and to determine options moving forward. They are currently investigating the option to utilize machines to do some of the testing.

Meeting regarding the New
Fort St. James Hospital

Director Greenaway mentioned that he attended a meeting on November 29, 2021 in regard to the new Fort St James Hospital. He brought forward concerns regarding the Long-term Care Facility having an open courtyard in the middle of the building. He spoke to the ability to remove snow from the area and water during seasonal changes as well as the ability to utilize the area during winter months.

Director Motion also noted that current medical professional staffing shortages are a concern in staffing the new facility.

Parkview Dementia Care
Unit – Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen commented that he toured the Parkview Dementia Care Unit in Vanderhoof. He mentioned that the intent is to have patients moved into the new facility by the beginning of April 2022. Discussion took place regarding the Board touring the facility. Director Thiessen will work with staff to schedule a tour of the facility.

Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2022-1-7

“That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Write a Letter to Northern
Health re: New Stuart Lake
Hospital Long-Term Care
Open Courtyard

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Motion

SNRHD.2022-1-8

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District write a letter to Northern Health to identify potential seasonal weather concerns that may impact the usage of the open (the lack of a roof structure) courtyard design in the centre of the new Stuart Lake Hospital Long-term Care area of the facility; and further, outlining the importance of year-round usable outdoor space for seniors.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Including the District of Fort St. James in design discussions with Northern Health
- Writing a letter to Northern Health identifying the importance of usable year-round outside activity for seniors at all long-term care facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2022-1-9

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services