

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

PRESENT: Chair Judy Greenaway

Directors Martin Elphee
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Mark Parker
Michael Riis-Christianson
Henry Wiebe

Director Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake
Absent

Alternate Director Audrey Fennema, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Secretary – via Zoom – arrived at 10:10 a.m.
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary
John Illes, Treasurer
Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk

Others Taylor Turkington, CPA, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund Chartered
Professional Accountants – via Zoom
Lionel Conant, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)
Judith Friesen, District of Fort St. James
Alex Kulchar, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)
Trevor Krisher, Electoral Area A (Smithers Rural)
Leroy Dekens, Village of Telkwa
Charlie Rensby, Village of Burns Lake

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Greenaway called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary conducted the Oath of Office for Audrey Fennema, Alternate Director, Village of Fraser Lake.

AGENDA Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2023-3-1 “That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of February 23, 2023 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023 Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Moutray

SNRHD.2023-3-2 “That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of February 9, 2023 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

BESWICK HILDEBRANDT LUND CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS –Taylor Turkington, CPA RE: 2022 Audit - Via Zoom

Chair Greenaway welcomed Taylor Turkington, CPA, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund Chartered Professional Accountants.

Mr. Turkington provided an overview of the Financial Statements for December 31, 2022.

- Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
- Independent Auditor’s Report
- Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Operations
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Notes of the Financial Statements.

Chair Greenaway thanked Mr. Turkington for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Audit 2022 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2023-3-3 “That the Board approve the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022 and receive the auditor’s report.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget for 2023 and Preliminary Budget for 2024 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2023-3-4 “That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 86, 2023 be given first and second reading this 23rd Day of February, 2023.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee noted the construction of the new Stuart Lake Hospital is going well. He met with the new physician coming to the community from Nigeria and the part-time physician from Calgary. They will be starting in April, 2023. Both physicians have also secured housing. The Primary Healthcare Society has been working to recruit physicians to the community with support from Northern Health.

Chair Greenaway – Update

Chair Greenaway spoke of the following:

- Primary Healthcare Society working to recruit five registered nurses from the Philippines
- Met with Gillian Wigmore, Community Liaison Officer, Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project, Northern Health and had a virtual tour of the new hospital. She has provided a link of the virtual tour for those that are interested
- First Nations Primary Care Facility
 - Nak'azdli Whuten, Binche Whut'en and Tl'azt'en Nation
 - Culturally centered healthcare facility that will be welcoming to everyone
 - Cultural healers, medications and gardens
 - Three centers being implemented within Northern Health – Fort St. James, Hazelton and Chetwynd
 - Requesting community input
 - Will require 17 positions to open the facility, including physicians, psychiatrists, mental health and addictions professionals and administration.

Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) – Update

Director Parker mentioned that he provided grant in aid funding along with Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural), C (Fort St. James Rural) and F (Vanderhoof Rural) to support having Corey Hirsch, former NHL goaltender and mental health and wellness advocate present to School District 91 schools in the region as well as a community event in Vanderhoof. The presentation was very well received and valuable for the community.

The Fraser Lake Community Health Centre held a follow up event at Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School to discuss the overdose crisis and to provide information in keeping students safe. It is a difficult conversation and was valuable and beneficial for the students and it was well received.

Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2023-3-5

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Wiebe

SNRHD.2023-3-6

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:22 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk