

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

PRESENT: Chair Judy Greenaway

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

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Secretary
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary
John Illes, Treasurer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning arrived at 10:46 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk

Media Saddman Zaman, LD News

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Greenaway called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Moon

SNRHD.2023-8-1 "That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of October 12, 2023 be approved."

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Elphee
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2023-8-2 "That the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."
(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023 Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

SNRHD.2023-8-3 "That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of July 13, 2023 be adopted."
(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Northern Hospital Districts' Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Health Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2023-8-4 "That the Chair sign the Memorandum of Understanding at the fall meeting with Northern Health."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Quarter 2023 Financial Statements Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2023-8-5 "That the Board receive the Treasurer's Third Quarter 2023 Financial Statements memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tax Rate Sustainability Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2023-8-6 "That the Board receive the Secretary's Tax Rate Sustainability memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Unsustainable taxation rate
- SNRHD has the highest tax rate in the province compared to other Hospital Districts
- North West Regional Hospital District (NWRHD) taxation rate vs. SNRHD
- Percentage of capital costs paid by Hospital Districts
- Board determines tax rate during the budget process
- Investigating strategic solutions
- Future large project - Vanderhoof Hospital replacement
 - o Potential taxation and capital costs for the project
- Amalgamation of Hospital Districts
 - o Concerns
 - o Current model unsustainable
 - o History of implementation of the SNRHD
 - o Responsibility to taxpayers
- Number of hospitals and healthcare centres per capita within the SNRHD
- Inviting the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Electoral Area Breakdown of Requisition

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2023-8-7

"That the Board receive the Secretary's Electoral Area Breakdown of Requisition memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee commented that he was invited to meet with Nak'azdli Whut'en October 11th where they discussed a pilot project they are initiating with Williams Lake First Nation for youth between the ages of 0-18. The Pilot Project will assess youth and determine if a program is needed for the youth and their care givers to assist with learning outcomes. Nak'azdli Whut'en will work with Yekooche First Nation, Binche Whut'en, T'lazt'en Nation and the District of Fort St. James in its implementation of the pilot project over the next two years.

Village of Fraser Lake - Update

Director Storey provided the following update:

- Coastal GasLink has provided funding for a Helipad
 - o The community will work with Northern Health to move the project forward
- Fraser Lake Community Health Centre has a full compliment of staff
- Connexus Community Resources is working with Silver Birch Lodge on an application to BC Housing for an assisted living facility.

Village of Granisle – Update

Director McGuire noted that Granisle is currently without a visiting physician but a new Doctor in Burns Lake has indicated their willingness to visit Granisle three days a week.

District of Vanderhoof -Update

Director Moutray commented that St. John Hospital Emergency Room has seen a stabilization of its physician staffing.

Village of Burns Lake – Update

Director Wiebe noted he attended a presentation from a committee from Quesnel that was formed to attract physicians, nurse practitioners to Quesnel. Burns Lake is interested in developing a similar committee to potentially accelerate the ability to attract professionals to the community.

Chair Greenaway – Update

Chair Greenaway mentioned that on October 16th she will be attending the Northern Health's Fall Meeting with Director Riis-Christianson, CAO Helgesen and CFO Illes to finalize the MOU and receive an update.

