

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

PRESENT: Chair Judy Greenaway

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

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Secretary
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary
John Illes, Treasurer
Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

CAO Helgesen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ELECTIONS

Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2024.

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2024-1-1

“That Director Greenaway be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2024.”

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 Greenaway, Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2024 by acclamation.

ELECTIONS (CONT'D)

Acting Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2024.

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2024-1-2

"That Director Riis-Christianson be nominated for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2024."

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 Riis-Christianson as Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2024 by acclamation.

Chair Greenaway took the chair.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2024-1-3

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of January 11, 2024 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2023

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2024-1-4

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of November 9, 2023 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Fall Hospital Meeting Presentation

John Illes, Treasurer provided an overview of the Budget Bylaw for 2024 memorandum.

The following was discussed:

- Weighted non-market increase in assessments
- Large increase from construction of the pipeline in Electoral Areas E, D and F
 - o Increase of new home construction in Areas E and F
 - o Large market increase in Area D
- Determining requisition
- Alternate Scenario 2 vs. Recommended Option
 - o Granisle and Area E
 - Alternate Scenario 2 impacts due to high the market increase in assessments in Granisle
 - Those with increases above 22.9% will see an increase in hospital district taxation
 - The average homeowner with an increase below 22.9% won't see an increase in hospital district taxation
 - Recommended Option
- SNRHD and the province's contribution for future major projects
- Tax rate sustainability
 - o SNRHD pays the highest mill rate in the Province
 - o Hiring a consultant in 2024 in collaboration with other Hospital Districts within Northern Health to assess the tax rate sustainability and understand the high mill rate
- Pipeline assessed value
 - o Minimal appreciation
 - o Maintain value over a 50 year period
 - o If pipeline deactivated – adjustment will take place.

Fall Hospital Meeting Presentation

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2024-1-5

"That Bylaw No. 88, being a bylaw to adopt the annual budget for 2024, be given first reading this 11th day of January, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Fall Hospital Meeting Presentation

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2024-1-6

"That Bylaw No. 88, being a bylaw to adopt the annual budget for 2024, be amended to utilize Alternative Scenario 2 and be given first reading this 11th day of January, 2024."

Opposed: Director Lambert
Director McGuire

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Health - UBCM Meeting – September 20, 2023 Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Wiebe

SNRHD.2024-1-7 “That the Board receive the Correspondence from Northern Health regarding UBCM Meeting – September 20, 2023.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Village of Fraser Lake-Update Director Storey mentioned that she met with Errol Winter, Executive Director, Dr Shannon Douglas, Chair and Marie Hunter, Director, Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice. Discussion took place regarding the rebuild of the Fraser Lake Clinic being moved to Northern Health’s 2028 capital projects. Retention and recruitment strategies was also discussed. Key issues impacting retention and recruitment are childcare and physician husband and wife teams living in different communities.

Mr. Winter had commented at the meeting that they are working on a strategy for women with high-risk pregnancies from the small communities within the Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice to lodge in Prince George to access emergency obstetrician services. They are investigating the ability to share lodging with Kordyban Lodge which provides accommodation for out-of-town patients who are receiving medical treatments at the BC Cancer’s regional care centre. Korydyban Lodge has been experiencing low occupancy numbers. Director Storey noted that seniors are experiencing affordable accommodation issues when having to travel to Prince George for medical care as well. She spoke of the need to find a long-term solution for affordable accommodation for people having to travel and stay in Prince George for medical services.

Village of Granisle-Update Director McGuire noted that the pharmacy in Granisle is considering extending their hours beyond being open on Tuesdays.

District of Vanderhoof-Update Director Moutray reported that the original St. John Hospital building is being demolished this week for the new integrated primary and community care facility to be built in the same location.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2024-1-7 “That the verbal reports of the various Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

2024 SNRHD Budget

Mr. Illes spoke of bringing forward the 2024 SNRHD Budget for further consideration at the January 25, 2024 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2024-1-8

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Secretary