

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024**

PRESENT:      Acting Chair      Michael Riis-Christianson

                 Directors              Martin Elphee  
   Clint Lambert  
   Linda McGuire  
   Shirley Moon  
   Kevin Moutray  
   Mark Parker  
   Sarrah Storey – arrived at 10:04 a.m.  
   Henry Wiebe

                 Alternate              Lionel Conant, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)  
                 Director

                 Staff                          Curtis Helgesen, Secretary  
   Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary  
   Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services - arrived at 10:29  
   a.m.  
   Jay Finstad, Environmental Services Technician – arrived at 10:29 a.m.  
   John Illes, Treasurer  
   Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk

                 Others                          Jack Cherniawsky, Vanderhoof - via Zoom - arrived at 10:20 a.m.  
   Leroy Dekens, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom – arrived at 10:12 a.m.  
   Judy Greenaway, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)– via Zoom  
   – left at 10:17 a.m., returned at 10:20 a.m., left at 10:26 a.m., returned  
   at 10:32 a.m., left at 10:36 a.m.  
   Michael Hoefler, Executive Director, Capital Planning, Facilities  
   Operations & Logistics, Northern Health – via Zoom – left at 10:25  
   a.m.  
   Kim Menounos, Manager, Northern Interior Region, Fraser Basin  
   Council and Northwest Watershed Round Table Chair – via Zoom  
   - arrived at 10:25 a.m.  
   Jeremy Penninga, Smithers  
   Terry Roberts, Executive Director, Fraser Basin Council – via Zoom  
   - arrived at 10:20 a.m.

                 Media                          Saddman Zaman, LD News – arrived at 10:29 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**              Acting Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 10:00  
   a.m.

## **AGENDA**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

### **SNRHD.2024-2-1**

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of January 25, 2024 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

### **Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes –January 11, 2024**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Elphee

### **SNRHD.2024-2-2**

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of January 11, 2024 be adopted as amended to change SNRHD.2024-1-6 to Alternative Scenario 2."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATION**

### **NORTHERN HEALTH – via Zoom - Michael Hoefler, Executive Director, Capital Planning, Facilities Operations & Logistics Re: Stuart Lake Hospital Project Report and Fraser Lake Community Health Centre Future Replacement**

Acting Chair Riis-Christianson welcomed Michael Hoefler, Executive Director, Capital Planning, Facilities Operations & Logistics, Northern Health.

Mr. Hoefler provided an overview of the Stuart Lake Hospital Redevelopment Project Status Report Briefing Note.

- Construction is advancing on schedule
- Exterior work
  - o Cold weather impacts minimal
  - o Majority of outdoor work has been completed
  - o Some roofing work remains
- Interior work
  - o Inside finishing is moving forward
  - o Approximately 100 workers on site.

The following was discussed:

- Patient transitioning to the new building scheduled for October 2024 to the end of December 2024
- Process of transitioning departments such as Emergency, Laboratory and X-ray services from the old facility to the new facility
- Construction deemed complete once the old building has been deconstructed and all work, including groundwork on the outside of the new facility are complete
- Parking during the transitioning
  - o Temporary parking
  - o Shuttle bussing for staff and contractors
  - o Mr. Hoefler indicated that he will follow-up with a drawing of the proposed parking

## **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

### **NORTHERN HEALTH – via Zoom - Michael Hoefer, Executive Director, Capital Planning, Facilities Operations & Logistics Re: Stuart Lake Hospital Project Report and Fraser Lake Community Health Centre Future Replacement (Cont'd)**

- Fraser Lake Community Health Centre
  - o Future replacement date moved to 2035-2038
    - Concerns regarding the new timeline
    - Medical staff has indicated that the facility requires replacement sooner
  - o Mr. Hoefer noted that Northern Health has a number of replacement projects that are moving forward and are projected for the future
    - Base decisions on the worst facility index to best facility index
    - A number of hospital replacement projects require focus prior to addressing diagnostic and treatment centres
      - The following Diagnostic and Treatment Centres to be considered at the same time: Hudson Hope, Tumbler Ridge and Fraser Lake
  - o Expediting the Master, Concept and Business Plan
    - Director Storey will follow up with Mr. Hoefer.

Acting Chair Riis-Christianson thanked Mr. Hoefer for attending the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **Budget Bylaw for 2024**

Moved by Director Wiebe  
Seconded by Director Elphee

### **SNRHD.2024-2-3**

“That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 88, 2024 be given second reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.”

Opposed: Director Lambert  
Director McGuire

**CARRIED**

(All/Weighted/Majority)

### **MOU with Northern Health and Northern Hospital Districts**

Moved by Director Moutray  
Seconded by Director Storey

### **SNRHD.2024-2-4**

“That the Chair sign the MOU on behalf of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### **Village of Granisle – Update**

Director McGuire mentioned that the pharmacy in Granisle has a new owner and they are planning to extend their hours of operation.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Village of Burns Lake – Update Director Wiebe reported that the Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre will welcome a new physician in the fall of 2024 and two new physicians in spring of 2025.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2024-2-5 “That the verbal reports of the various Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Wiebe  
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2024-2-6 “That the meeting be adjourned at 10:36 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Michael Riis-Christianson, Acting  
Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Secretary