

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

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 – via Zoom  
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary  
John Illes, Treasurer  
Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk

Other Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom - arrived at 10:22 a.m.  
Taylor Turkington, CPA, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund Chartered  
Professional Accountants – via Zoom – left at 10:12 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2024-3-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of February 22, 2024 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Stuart-Nechako Regional  
Hospital District Meeting  
Minutes –January 25, 2024

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2024-2-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of January 25, 2024 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **BESWICK HILDEBRANDT LUND CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS – Via Zoom Taylor Turkington, CPA RE: 2024**

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

Mr. Turkington provided an overview of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Financial Statements.

- 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 to the Financial Statements
- Year-End Audit Findings Report.

Chair Greenaway thanked Mr. Hildebrandt for attending the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Audited Financial Statements for 2023

Moved by Director Moutray  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-3-3

“That the Board of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District approve the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 and receive the auditor’s report.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Bylaw for 2024

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

SNRHD.2024-3-4

“That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 88, 2024 be given third reading as amended this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024.”

Opposed: Director Lambert    CARRIED  
Director McGuire

(All/Weighted/Majority)

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### BC Ambulance – Southside

Director Lambert mentioned that with the new model for BC Ambulance staffing for rural communities the Southside BC Ambulance Station Chief will no longer be administering the Community Paramedic Program, as they need to be available to respond to emergency calls. Director Lambert spoke of the need to hire additional people.

Director McGuire noted that when the new Provincial program rolls out on April 1, 2024, the Community Paramedic Program will be a stand-alone program which was the intention of the program when it was first implemented.

### Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project Meeting

Director Elphee met with Chair Greenaway, RDBN staff, Northern Health, Fort St. James Primary Care, and Nak'azdli Whut'en regarding the transition to the new Stuart Lake Hospital in approximately 8 months. Director Elphee and Chair Greenaway have requested a virtual tour to provide clarity to the community in regard to the transition to the new facility.

### Granisle Pharmacy

Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle Council met with the new owner of the Pharmacy in Granisle. They have also purchased pharmacies in Fort St. James and the Southside of Francois Lake. She noted that it is exciting to have a Pharmacy being reestablished in the community.

### District of Vanderhoof-Update Director Moutray provided the following update:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
  - 19 positions currently open in Vanderhoof
  - In discussions with Megan Hunter, Health Services Administrator, Omineca, Northern Health to investigate the possibility of providing living costs to local individuals wanting to take the 2-year program
  - Prerequisite for the program is Math 12
  - Currently the start wage is \$32.53 and after 10 years the wage is \$40.95.
- Stuart Nechako Manor
  - Roof is nearing completion
  - 30 person wait list for the facility
- Aurora Home
  - Will be fully operational by the end of February with the 8 beds occupied.

### Mental Health and Awareness Symposium -June 27-28, 2024 -Prince George

Chair Greenaway announced that the North Central Local Government Association is collaborating with partners and First Nations communities within the NCLGA region to host a Mental Health and Awareness Symposium June 27-28, 2024 in Prince George, B.C.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

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

SNRHD.2024-3-5      "That the verbal reports of the various Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2024-3-6      "That the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Secretary