

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
AGENDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

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	<u>DELEGATION</u>	
5-16	<u>NORTHERN HEALTH (via Zoom)</u> Lana Pestaluky, Health Communities Lead (Northwest), Population and Public Health Observatory Jeff Kormos, Lead, Healthy Communities – Northern Interior Population and Public Health Observatory Re: Northern Health’s Healthy Communities Program: Overview and Opportunities to Collaborate	
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STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**MEETING MINUTES****THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025**

PRESENT:	Chair	Judy Greenaway
	Directors	Martin Elphee Clint Lambert – arrived at 10:02 a.m. Linda McGuire Shirley Moon – via Zoom Mark Parker Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey Henry Wiebe
	Directors Absent	Kevin Moutray, District of Vanderhoof
	Alternate Directors	Brian Frenkel, District of Vanderhoof
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary John Illes, Treasurer
	Others	Chris Newell

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDAMoved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire**SNRHD.2025-5-1**

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of March 27, 2025 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES****Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – March 13, 2025**Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson**SNRHD.2025-5-2**

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of March 13, 2025 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

SNRHD Annual Budget Bylaw No. 93, 2025

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2025-5-3

"That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 93, 2025 be given third reading and adoption this 27th day of March, 2025."

(All/Directors/Weighted)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Village of Burns Lake

Director Wiebe indicated that two new doctors have arrived. He commented on the number of emergency room closures and that there have been discussions with the Ministry of Health and Northern Health. He advised that the Recruitment Officer started a couple of weeks ago. Director Wiebe stated that with the addition of two doctors, they are still 5 short.

Chair Greenaway added that there have been occasions recently where 2 of the 3 hospitals in our region are on diversion at the same time.

Director Lambert commented on the impacts to other hospitals when diversion occurs. He added that citizens are expressing concerns in regard to the number of closures.

It was suggested that a delegation go to Victoria to meet with the Minister of Health.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Update

Director Moon commented on her recent experiences at the St. John Hospital. She added that there does not seem to be any staffing issues at the Cancer Unit. She noted that children must go to Vancouver for cancer treatment.

Village of Fraser Lake

Director Storey reported that she would be attending a meeting with Minister Osborne to discuss hospital closures. She added that she and Director Greenaway will be in Victoria next week and will advocate for the region.

Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Update

Chair Greenaway reminded the Board of the Northern Health roundtable discussion for community leaders on April 14th and encouraged Directors to attend.

Emergency Meeting with
Minister of Health

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

SNRHD.2025-5-4

"That the Board request an emergency meeting, preferably within the region, with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, regarding the number of emergency room closures in the region."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2025-5-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:17 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

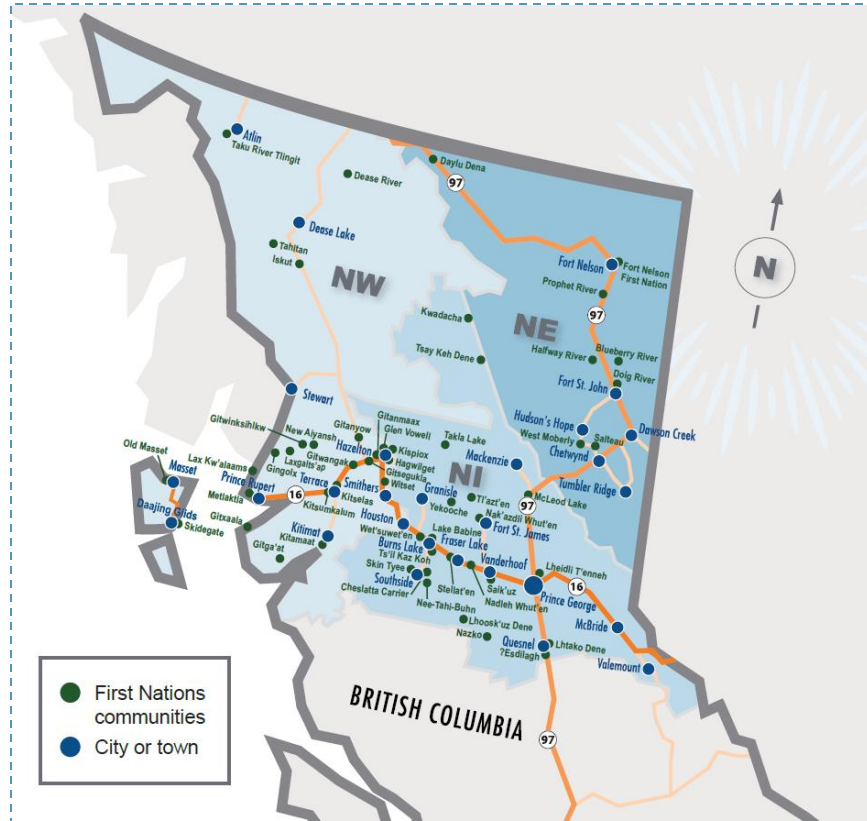
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary



Northern Health's Healthy Communities Program: Overview and Opportunities to Collaborate

Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
April 10, 2025

Territorial Acknowledgement

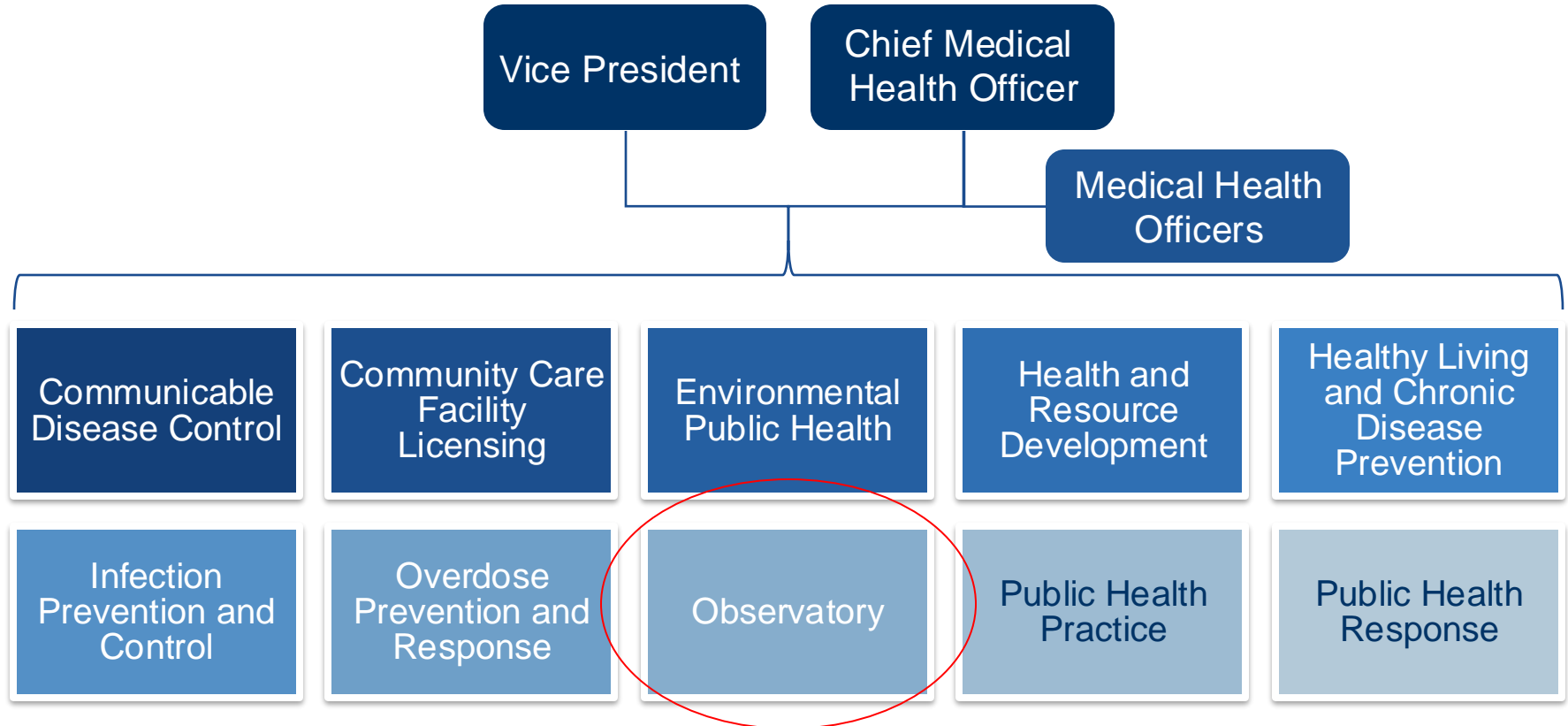


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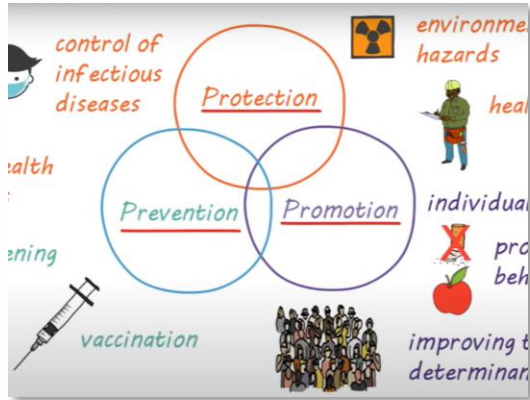
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 - Why public health?
 - What makes a healthy community?
- What does the Healthy Communities team do?
- What can we do for you?
- Discussion

Who are we?

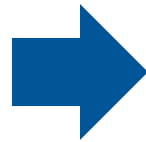
Population and Public Health (PPH) in Northern Health



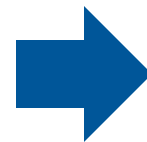
Why Public Health?



Public Health



Healthier
People and
Communities



Reduced
Pressures on
Health Care


What makes a healthy community?¹⁰

A healthy community is a place where people:

- Have access to the resources and opportunities that support their basic needs.
- Can reach their full potential.
- Consider resiliency, sustainability, and future generations in their decision-making.
- Embrace diversity and foster a sense of belonging.
- Work together to improve life for everyone.

About **75%** of factors that impact health fall outside of health care!

What does the Healthy¹¹ Communities team do?

- We listen, facilitate, and connect
- We are community centred, committed to reconciliation, and collaborative
- We distribute the Healthy Communities E-Brief → 
- We visit communities to discuss community health priorities, community health data needs, granting opportunities, etc.

Community visits to RDBN communities: spring/summer 2025

What can we¹² do for you?

- Co-create healthy public policy
- Facilitate conversations, ideas, and connections
- Connect you to granting opportunities
- Provide access to resources, including various Population & Public Health programs
- Collaborate on identified priorities

How can we support the great work already underway in the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako?

Key messages

- Local governments play a vital role in community health
- Northern Health Population & Public Health is here to collaborate with you and your staff
- Connect with us for:
 - Public policy (e.g., participate in working groups, inform action plans)
 - Health evidence (e.g., connection to subject matter expertise)

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Discussion – comments – questions?



What is a healthy community?

A place where:

- People have access to the resources and opportunities that support their well-being.
- People can come together to make it better for everyone.
- Diversity is embraced.

Adapted from Canadian Institute of Planners (2023)



DID YOU KNOW?

Factors like where we live and work, our education and income, and social supports shape 75% of our health.

Adapted from BC Centre for Disease Control (2024)

15 How can you connect with us?

Email us:

healthycommunities@northernhealth.ca

Visit our webpage and subscribe to the **Healthy Communities E-Brief** (a monthly newsletter):

northernhealth.ca/services/healthy-living-in-communities/healthy-communities



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northernhealth.ca

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

Local Government Collaborating with the Northern Health Healthy Communities Team



How do local governments improve community health and well-being?

- By leading, partnering, and making policies that promote the health and well-being of communities.
- By including healthy community characteristics in community plans and infrastructure.
- By making decisions about community planning, land use, policies, and services that promote the health of residents.

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The greatest contribution to health of the nation over the past 150 years was not made by doctors but by local government.

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Dr. Jessie Parfitt,
Public Health Physician,
Oxford England

What is the Healthy Communities program?

The Healthy Communities team has **three Leads** who each work in a health service delivery area (Northwest, Northern Interior, Northeast) and a **Community Granting Coordinator**. We work with Northern BC communities, including local governments, community organizations, and others to influence the conditions that **promote equity, community health, and well-being** (e.g., transportation, food systems, neighbourhood design, social connection, and housing).

We are a part of Northern Health's Population and Public Health program. We work collaboratively across the health system and the Northern Health region to protect and promote community health and well-being.



Memorial Park / Accessible Walking Trail, Granisle, BC

How can local governments collaborate with the Healthy Communities team?

We invite you to work with us to:

- Co-develop **public policy** to promote health and improve quality of life for all (e.g., participate in policy working groups and inform on official community plans, bylaws, referrals, etc.)
- Support communities to identify their **community health priorities** and co-create action plans.
- Share information (e.g., attend committee meetings, deliver presentations to Council, etc.)
- Explore community **granting** opportunities.
- Obtain and generate community health **evidence** to inform decision-making.



We are also your connection to Population and Public Health subject matter expertise (e.g., injury prevention, climate change and health, food security, etc.), to support healthy community planning, policy, and action.

**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District
Board of Directors**

To: Chair and Board
From: John Illes, Treasurer
Date: April 10, 2025
Subject: **Round Table Invite for April 14, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

That Stuart-Nechako Hospital District will provide travel expenses and a half day per diem for any director that wishes to attend the Northern Health Round Table in Vanderhoof on April 14th.

BACKGROUND:

An invite from Northern Health for a round table discussion to be held in Vanderhoof is included on an attachment with this memo. The recommendation above will allow directors to be reimbursed for attendance and travel expenses.

Attachment:

Invitation from Northern Health



Northern Health Board & Administration Office
#600 - 299 Victoria Street,
Prince George, BC V2L 5B8

March 20, 2025

Subject: Northern Health Board Meeting – April 14, 2025

The Board of Northern Health will be holding their next meeting in Vanderhoof on April 14, 2025. In an effort to enhance community engagement at its meetings, the Northern Health Board will be hosting a roundtable discussion for community leaders.

Details of this event are as follows:

Date: Monday April 14, 2025
Place: Community Event Centre
474 Victoria Street, Vanderhoof, BC
Time: 1:45pm – 3:15pm
light refreshments will be provided

You are also welcome to attend and observe the Northern Health Public Board session which will be taking place on Monday April 14, 2025 in the same location beginning at 8:45am.

Please RSVP to our offices by **Wednesday April 2nd at 12:00pm by emailing nhadministration@northernhealth.ca**. In order to be best prepared for our discussions, we would appreciate it if you would identify, and provide an overview, on two or three specific topics you would like to discuss with us.

Should you have any questions you can email the above address or contact Christine Villareal directly at 250-645-8527.

We look forward to meeting with you in April.

Colleen V. Nyce
Board Chair
Northern Health

**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District
Board of Directors**

To: Chair and Board
From: John Illes, Treasurer
Date: April 10, 2025
Subject: **SNRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 94, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No 94, 2025 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 10th day of April 2025.

BACKGROUND:

To grant funds to Northern Health for capital projects, a bylaw must be adopted specifying both the specific project and the maximum amount of funds that may be made available to that project.

This bylaw authorizes payments for the building integrity and minor capital grant that is paid annually to Northern Health, as well as two major projects;

St. John Hospital Fire Panel Replacement
Burns Lake Hospital Chemistry Analyzer Replacement.

Attachment:

Bylaw 94 Capital Expenditure Bylaw

