ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2008

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Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District

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2008 Annual Report

April 16, 2009

To the Board of Directors:

I am pleased to submit the financial statements of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2008. The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide Directors and the public with additional explanation of the Financial Statements.

The Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District (the Regional Hospital District) was incorporated in November, 1998. Its role, under the *Hospital District Act*, is to provide a portion (usually 40%) of the funds required by hospitals within its boundaries for equipment, renovations and new construction. This funding is raised through property taxes. The Regional Hospital District provides funding to the following facilities, all operated by the Northern Health Authority: the Fraser Lake Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, the Granisle Health Centre, the Lakes District Hospital and the Pines Multi-level Care Facility (both in Burns Lake), the St. John Hospital and Stuart-Nechako Manor (both in Vanderhoof) and the Stuart Lake Hospital (Fort St. James).

In 1999, the Regional Hospital District began making contributions to a capital reserve for major projects. This initial reserve fund was in support of the construction of the new Complex Care addition to the St. John Hospital which was completed in 2005 and renamed Stuart-Nechako Manor. Since the completion of Stuart-Nechako Manor, the Regional Hospital District began contributing towards a reserve for the replacement of the Lakes District Hospital in Burns Lake and the Stuart Lake Hospital in Fort St. James. At the beginning of 2008 there was a balance of \$2,053,701 in the reserve fund. During 2008 the Regional Hospital District contributed \$744,383 to the reserve fund and earned \$82,365 in interest, resulting in a reserve fund balance of \$2,840,449 at December 31, 2008.

The Regional Hospital District contributed towards hospital capital expenditures in the amount of \$462,370 during 2008. Of this amount, contributions of \$289,197 were made for clinical equipment items costing less than \$100,000. The Regional Hospital District also contributed \$84,721 towards the remediation of building deficiencies for healthcare facilities across the region and \$88,452 towards the cost of a clinical information system, called Health Link North.

The Operating Fund has a surplus of \$858,070 at December 31, 2008. This amount will roll forward to 2009 and will be spent on 2009 budget items including a contribution to the Capital Reserve for Major Projects.

The Regional Hospital District does not have its own staff or facilities. It shares staff and facilities with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and its board meetings are held in conjunction with Regional District board meetings. Accordingly, administrative costs, which are primarily reimbursements to the Regional District, are generally kept under \$2,000 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

Hans Berndorff, C.A.

Incorporated November 19, 1998

Municipalities: Districts of Fort St. James and Vanderhoof, Villages of Burns Lake, Fraser Lake and Granisle Electoral Areas:B (Burns Lake Rural), C (Fort St. James Rural), D (Fraser Lake Rural), E (Ootsa/Francois Lake Rural) and F (Vanderhoof Rural)

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Stuart - Nechako Regional Hospital District

We have audited the statement of financial position of the Stuart - Nechako Regional Hospital District as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of financial activities and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Regional Hospital District as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its financial activities and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements. As required by the Hospital District Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Prince George, BC March 9, 2009

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2008

	2008		2007
	<u>Budget</u> (unaudited)	Actual	Actual
REVENUE			
Property tax requisition	\$ 1,287,585	\$ 1,287,585	\$ 1,141,924
Interest	-	116,370	107,765
Grants in lieu of taxes	7,500	8,784	2,936
	1,295,085	1,412,739	1,252,625
EXPENDITURES			
Grants for capital expenditures	1,282,370	462,370	447,312
Administration and audit	18,350	15,570	8,745
	1,300,720	477,940	456,057
EXCESS REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	(5,635)	934,799	796,568
FINANCIAL POSITION AT BEGINNING			
OF THE YEAR	2,803,720	2,803,720	2,007,152
FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF THE YEAR	\$ 2,798,085	\$ 3,738,519	\$ 2,803,720

See notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
FINANCIAL ASSETS Cash and temporary investments Accounts receivable	\$ 3,739,422 5,702	\$ 2,801,198 3,362
	3,745,124	2,804,560
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,605	840
NET FINANCIAL POSITION	\$ 3,738,519	\$ 2,803,720
REPRESENTED BY: Current funds Reserve funds (Note 4)	\$ 858,070 2,880,449	\$ 750,019 2,053,701
	\$ 3,738,519	\$ 2,803,720

Approved By The Board:

Chairperson _____

Treasurer _____

See notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the year ended December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess revenue for the year	\$ 934,799	\$ 796,568
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(2,340)	168
Accounts payable and accruals	5,765	(556,330)
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	3,425	(556,162)
INCREASE DURING THE YEAR	938,224	240,406
CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS AT		
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	2,801,198	2,560,792
	2,001,100	2,000,702
CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS AT		
END OF YEAR	\$ 3,739,422	\$ 2,801,198

See notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2008

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Regional Hospital District prepares its financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for government using guidelines developed by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

No Schedule of Expenditures by function has been presented because the Regional Hospital District has only one function – providing financing for equipment, renovation and construction of Hospitals and Health Centres.

2. OPERATIONS

The Regional Hospital District was incorporated in November 1, 1998, and commenced operations on January 1, 1999.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments are held in Municipal Finance Authority money market funds at varying interest rates throughout the year. The average interest rate for the year was 3.0 % (2007 – 4.0%).

4. **RESERVE FUNDS**

	2008	2007
Opening balance Contributions Withdrawls Interest	\$ 2,053,701 744,383	\$ 1,197,534 790,184
	82,365	- 65,983
Closing balance of funds	<u>\$ 2,880,449</u>	\$ 2,053,701

The reserve funds are intended to provide for the replacement of acute care facilities in the Regional Hospital District.

5. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of sales and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Regional Hospital District's financial instruments are comprised of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

a) Credit Risk

The Regional Hospital District does not issue credit in the normal course of doing business. Credit risk is minimal.

b) Interest Rate Risk

The Regional Hospital District is exposed to interest rate risk from fluctuating interest rates on investments.

c) Fair Value

The fair value of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities is approximately equal to their carrying value due to their short-term maturities.

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