

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
AGENDA
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

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	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
	<u>AGENDA - March 27, 2025</u>	Approve
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
2-5	Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2025	Approve
	<u>REPORT</u>	
6-10	John Illes, Treasurer - SNRHD Annual Budget Bylaw No. 93, 2025	Recommendation
	<u>VERBAL REPORTS</u>	
	<u>RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS</u>	
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**MEETING MINUTES****THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Wiebe
Seconded by Director ElpheeSNRHD.2025-4-1

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of March 13, 2025 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA**Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuireSNRHD.2025-4-2

"That the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES**Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – February 27, 2025Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director ParkerSNRHD.2025-4-3

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of February 27, 2025 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

2025 Budget and 2026 Provisional Budget

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Moutray

SNRHD.2025-4-4

"That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 93, 2025 with a Schedule A requisition of \$7.00 Million be given first and second readings this 13th day of March 2025."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Emergency Room Closures and Diversions Burns Lake Hospital

Director Riis-Christianson brought forward the continued Emergency Room closures and diversions at the Burns Lake Hospital. Director Wiebe mentioned that the situation is deteriorating with the days the emergency room is closed.

District of Vanderhoof -Update

Director Moutray mentioned that Vanderhoof is experiencing a significant Licenced Practical Nurse (LPN) shortage. He discussed the topic with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health. Director Moutray noted the need to ensure LPN educational programs are in communities as well as increasing earn and learn programs.

Discussion took place regarding the invitation to Minister Osborne and the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure from the Regional Hospital Districts within Northern Health to visit the north and discuss the tax rates paid by the Regional Hospital Districts.

District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee and Chair Greenaway will be welcoming the new doctor arriving in Fort St. James on March 23rd.

District of Fraser Lake -Update

Director Storey attended a 75-year-of-excellence celebration for the University of British Columbia's Facility of Medicine Program with Dermot Kelleher, Dean, Facility of Medicine and Vice-President, Health. They discussed the timeline for doctors finishing their schooling are being given their certificates in their first year of practice. There was also discussion regarding doctors being trained in Vanderhoof need to be doctors that want to be in the community and stay in the community.

Village of Granisle - Update

Director McGuire noted that she is awaiting a response from Northern Health regarding diversions in Granisle.

Director McGuire spoke of the Seniors Wellness Programs taking place in Granisle that are having great engagement.

- The Grubber Geezers
- Java Social Club
- Seniors Yoga.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Burns Lake – Update Director Wiebe commented that two new physicians will be arriving in the community next month. He also spoke of the Village of Burns Lake Recruitment and Retention Committee which is moving forward.

Fraser Lake Medical Center Director Parker spoke of the use of video conference technology to see a physician at the Fraser Lake Medical Centre. He noted the possible benefits and challenges.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Update Director Moon mentioned that she has been designated as a community liaison for the Vanderhoof Primary Care.

Chair Greenaway, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James) – Update Chair Greenaway provided the following update:

- Attended two meetings with Northern Health for medical staff recruitment and retention
 - o Fort St. James is having success in recruiting physicians
 - o Complement of physicians is 8 and there are currently 6.5 physicians
 - o Full complement of Registered Nurses
 - o Shortage of LPNs and Care Aids
- Met with the College of New Caledonia regarding the creation of medical programs in communities
 - o Shortage in people to fill the seats
- Seniors Wellness Training Program sponsored by Northern Health
 - o Northern Health is proposing changes to the programing.

Medical Professional Programs Discussion took place regarding:

- LPN Program
 - o Associate Dean School of Health Sciences, College of New Caledonia noted that student enrollment in Health Science Programs has been impacted by the views of the profession after the COVID 19 event
 - o Being part of the solution to encourage enrollment and changing the outlook towards healthcare and its professionals
- Challenges and various considerations about health care professions and employment
- Diversions at one health care facility impacts other health care facilities in the region
 - o The continuous diversions at Burns Lake Hospital are having a significant impact on St. John's Hospital in Vanderhoof
- Shortages of employees in health care are creating difficult working conditions
- Clinical professionals moving into management roles
- Work life balance
 - o Brought forward the issue with the Minister of Health
- Attempts are being made for change and missing the changes needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director Wiebe

SNRHD.2025-4-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:16 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Secretary

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: John Illes, Treasurer
Date: March 27, 2025
Subject: **SNRHD Annual Budget Bylaw No. 93, 2025**

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

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

BACKGROUND:

Bylaw 93 was given first and second reading on March 13th. This bylaw proposes an annual requisition of \$7,000,000 for the 2025 and 2026 calendar year. The tax rate is expected to decrease from \$1.18 ½ per \$1,000 to \$1.13 per \$1,000.

A summary of the estimated taxation changes for member municipalities and the average hospital district taxes for representative communities is brought forward for information from previous memos (and remains unchanged).

	Tax Rate Per \$1,000	Requisition
2024 Taxation	1.185	6,816,625
Bylaw 93	1.130	7,000,000

Change in Tax Values for an average house (2024 value)

	2024 Value	2024 Taxes	2025 Taxes
Burns Lake	234,629	279	275
Fort St. James	228,228	271	267
Fraser Lake	192,321	229	225
Granisle	95,105	114	111
Vanderhoof	319,708	380	374

For comparison, here are the 2024 Hospital District Tax Rates for a sample of representative communities across the province:

Representative Community Area Tax Rate

Pemberton	V SQL	Hospital	0.0292
Gibsons	T SUN	Hospital	0.0662
Chilliwack	C FVR	Hospital	0.0896
Victoria	C CAP	Hospital	0.1250
Port Alberni	C ALB	Hospital	0.1282
Grand Forks	C KOO	Hospital	0.1579
Penticton	C OKS	Hospital	0.1836
Kelowna	C COK	Hospital	0.1907
shíshálh Nation Government District	D SUN	Hospital	0.2030
Vernon	C NOK	Hospital	0.2309
Port McNeill	T MW	Hospital	0.2474
Comox	T COM	Hospital	0.2577
Kamloops	C TNR	Hospital	0.3046
Powell River	C qRD	Hospital	0.3516
Creston	T CKO	Hospital	0.3634
Lake Cowichan	T COW	Hospital	0.3657
Nanaimo	C NAN	Hospital	0.4072
Telkwa	V BUL	Hospital	0.5075
Fort St. John	C PEA	Hospital	0.5745
Prince George	C FFG	Hospital	0.7386
Quesnel	C CAR	Hospital	0.7429
Vanderhoof	D BUL	Hospital	1.1886

Attachment:

Bylaw 93 (Requisition Option \$7.00 Million)

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 93

**Being a bylaw to adopt the Annual Budget
for the year 2025
and the Provisional Annual Budget
for the year 2026.**

The Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District in open meeting assembled ENACTS as follows:

1. Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is the Annual Budget for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the provisional Annual Budget for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2026.
2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No.93, 2025."

READ A FIRST TIME this 13th day of March, 2025

READ A SECOND TIME this 13th day of March, 2025

READ A THIRD TIME this ____ day of____, 2025

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025

Chairperson

Secretary

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Bylaw No. 93 as adopted.

Secretary

Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District - 2025 Budget and 2026 Provisional Budget

Bylaw 93

SCHEDULE A

INCOME

	2025 Budget	2026 Provisional Budget
Grant In Lieu of Taxes	25,000	25,000
Taxation	7,000,000	7,000,000
Interest	307,958	395,219
	<u>\$ 7,332,958</u>	<u>\$ 7,420,219</u>

EXPENSES

Business Planning		
Major Capital Project >\$5M		
Major Capital Project <\$5M	2,800,000	2,760,833
Major Equipment and Maintenance Capital	825,320	322,080
Building Integrity and Minor Capital Grant Grant	210,800	214,416
IT Projects Grant	-	100,107
Administration	20,000	20,000
Directors Remuneration	10,000	10,000
	<u>\$ 3,866,120</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,436</u>

NET INCOME AT END OF YEAR

	3,466,838	3,992,783
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Schedule B Bylaw 93**Major Capital Projects Approved and Continuing:**

Vanderhoof Primary Care

Major Capital Projects Funded:

2025	<i>Current Year</i>	<i>Previous Years</i>
Vanderhoof Primary Care	2,800,000	267,167
1. SJH FM Fire Panel Replacement	617,320	
2. BLH Chemistry Analyzer Replacement	208,000	
Total	<u>3,625,320</u>	
2026		
Vanderhoof Primary Care	2,760,833	
1. BLH Lighting Controls Replacement	322,080	
Total	<u>3,082,913</u>	