

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Eileen Benedict
Tom Greenaway
John Illes
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Roxanne Shepherd, Treasurer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant – left at 10:15 a.m., returned at 10:25 a.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, Lakes District News – arrived at 10:35 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2017-7-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of June 22, 2017 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – May 11, 2017

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD.2017-7-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of May 11, 2017 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Capital Expenditure Bylaw
No. 63

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2017-7-3

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer’s June 1, 2017 memo titled “Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 63.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Debra Oakman, Retired CAO,
Comox Valley Regional District
-Province of BC-Ministry of
Health-Hospital District Act

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2017-7-4

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Debra Oakman, Retired CAO, Comox Valley Regional District – Province of BC – Ministry of Health – Hospital District Act.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support – RE:
Province of BC-Ministry of
Health-Hospital District Act
and Request for Meeting

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

SNRHD.2017-7-5

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors write a letter to the Minister of Health requesting that the *Hospital District Act* be updated to reflect the recommendations from the 2003 Ministry of Health review; and further, that a meeting with the Minister of Health be requested at the 2017 Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Debra Oakman, Retired CAO,
Comox Valley Regional District
-Province of BC-Ministry of
Health-Hospital District Act

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD.2017-7-6

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the North West Regional Hospital District re: Directors’ Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Miller questioned if there has been feedback from Northern Health in regard to a digital mammography machine for the Bulkley Valley District Hospital (BVDH). Director Newel indicated that Northern Health is intending to move forward with a digital machine for the BVDH.

VERBAL REPORTS

Fort St. James Primary Care
Facility – Update

Director Greenaway mentioned that the Fort St. James Primary Care Society received an update from Michael Hoefler, Regional Director, Capital Planning and Support Services, Northern Health.
Northern Health (NH):

- has notified the unsuccessful and successful proponents of the Lease and Tenant Improvement Request for Proposals;
- is currently negotiating the lease rate;
- once negotiations are complete schematics and development design drawings will be finalized;
- Completing final financing details:
 - NH is contributing approximately \$1.6 Million for the Capital Plan;
 - NH confirmed the SNRHD’s contribution of 20%;
- Still on schedule and will be moving forward quickly;

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Mental Health Issues

Director Benedict brought forward concerns in regard to the mental health issues that are being experienced in the north and what is being done to address the issues. She mentioned the need to invite Northern Health to a future SNRHD meeting to discuss the issue and available mental health counselling in each of the communities in the SNRHD. Melany de Weerd, CAO commented that Northern Health had the issue on its spring meeting agenda but deferred the topic to its fall meeting. Director Benedict spoke to the lack of mental health counselling for adults. Staff will invite Northern Health to a future meeting to discuss mental health in the region.

Director Thiessen noted that in a recent meeting with physicians and the BC Rural Doctors in Vanderhoof, mental health was brought forward as an issue and frustrations were expressed in regard to a lack of information as to who and what is available in Vanderhoof.

Discussion took place regarding the lack of personnel and information in regard to accessing mental health services in Northern Health and Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Village of Burns Lake and Northern Health – Community Ambassador Committee

Director Illes mentioned that the Village of Burns and Northern Health have joined together to form a Community Ambassador Committee for the Lakes District. The initiative is to assist in the recruitment of physicians. Two new physicians have arrived and are currently working at the Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre.

Meeting with Dr. Dave, Snadden Rural Doctors' UBC Chair in Rural Health and Dr. Stuart Johnston, Associate Director, Rural Coordination Centre of B.C.

Director Thiessen reported that on June 8, 2017 he met with Dr. Dave Snadden, Rural Doctors' UBC Chair in Rural Health and Dr. Stuart Johnston, Associate Director, Rural Coordination Centre of B.C. (RCCbc) in Vanderhoof to discuss rural health care. They are travelling to 200 communities in rural B.C. and one of the key topics of discussion was mental health and a lack of service provisions. He spoke to the daunting case load that is often experienced by the Ministry of Children and Family Development and other agencies when addressing mental health needs.

Meeting in Vanderhoof RE: Opioid Issues

Director Thiessen mentioned that a meeting is being scheduled in Vanderhoof with the RCMP, healthcare and high school representatives in regard to opioid concerns and potential issues.

Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement

Director MacDougall noted that he attended a meeting with the Fort St. James Primary Care Society and John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and it was recommended that Fort St. James continue to lobby the provincial government for the Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement.

Seniors Care Facility in Fort St. James

Director MacDougall reported that a community plan to acquire the closed Sowchea Elementary School for a Seniors Care Facility has recently been initiated. A meeting has been planned for June 29, 2017, with physicians, First Nations, Northern Health, Fort St. James Primary Care Society, Vanderhoof long term care facility representatives and stakeholders to discuss options moving forward.

Fort St. James Primary Care Society and Northern Health Meeting

Melany de Weerd, CAO mentioned that a follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2017 in Fort St. James with the Fort St. James Primary Care Society and Northern Health to discuss an update in regard to the Primary Care Facility. Roxanne Shepherd, Treasurer, SNRHD will be in attendance.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Charles Jago, Board Chair Director Thiessen noted he attended the retirement celebrations for
Northern Health - Retirement Charles Jago, Board Chair, Northern Health.

Receipt of Verbal Moved by Director MacDougall
Reports Seconded by Director Illes

SNRHD.2017-7-7 "That the verbal reports of the various Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital
District Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW

Bylaw for First, Second, Third Reading & Adoption

No. 63 – SNRHD Capital Moved by Director Illes
Expenditure Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2017-7-8 "That "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure
Bylaw No. 63, 2017" be given first, second, third reading and adoption
this 22nd day of June, 2017."

(All/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2017-7-9 "That the meeting be adjourned at 10:37 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant