

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017**

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**AGENDA – March 9, 2017**

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Stuart Lake Hospital

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His Worship Rob MacDougall  
Mayor of the District of Fort St. James  
PO Box 640  
Fort St. James BC VOJ 1P0

Chief Alexander McKinnon  
Nak'azdli Whut'en  
PO Box 1329  
Fort St. James BC VOJ 1P0

Mr. Tom Greenaway, Director  
Director, Regional District of Bulkley Nechako  
PO Box 820  
Burns Lake BC VOJ 1E0

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Dear Mayor MacDougall, Chief McKinnon, and Mr. Greenaway:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 2017, regarding the replacement of the Stuart Lake Hospital (SLH).

We understand that replacing the SLH is a priority for the Northern Health Authority (NHA) and the Fort St. James community. The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) is required to manage many health capital priorities across the province within available funding to ensure we are spending taxpayer dollars responsibly, while maintaining a balanced budget. Since 2001, the Ministry and its funding partners have invested over \$900 million to upgrade or replace various NHA health facilities. This includes approximately \$450 million for new hospitals in Burns Lake, Haida Gwaii, Fort St. John and Kitimat, and approximately \$100 million for a new cancer centre in Prince George.

The Ministry will certainly continue to look for opportunities to accommodate the SLH replacement project within its capital plan so that the project may proceed to the business plan stage, however, the availability and timing of capital funding for this major project has not yet been confirmed.

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I appreciate your interest in replacing the SLH and for bringing it to my attention and encourage you to maintain a dialogue with NHA regarding this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Terry Lake  
Minister

pc:

- Honourable John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes
- Honourable Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena Bulkley Valley
- Ms. Cathy Ulrich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northern Health Authority
- Dr. Charles Jago, Board Chair, Northern Health Authority
- Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District
- Fort St. James Primary Care Society
- First Nations Health Authority



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February 17, 2017

Mrs. Monique Roy  
PO Box 332  
Fraser Lake BC V0J 1S0

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Dear Ms. Roy:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, 2017, regarding physician staffing and nursing specialties at the Fraser Lake Community Health Centre. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health, and I apologize for the delay in communication.

I recognize that your experience working as a public health nurse has given you a unique perspective on the community's needs. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your insight and concerns about the recent changes introduced by Northern Health.

Ministry of Health staff contacted Northern Health to learn more about the situation in Fraser Lake. I understand that you were able to discuss your concerns with Ms. Penny Anguish, Interim Chief Operating Officer, on January 20, and Ms. April Hughes, Health Service Administrator, on February 3. I trust they were pleased to receive your input and that these conversations resolved your concerns. If you have any further questions, I encourage you to continue communication with Ms. Anguish or Ms. Hughes.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Ministry of Health's attention. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Robin Pascoe  
Acting Director

pc: Honourable Terry Lake  
Honourable John Rustad, MLA – Nechako Lakes  
Ms. Cathy Ulrich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northern Health Authority  
Dr. Ronald Chapman, Vice President, Medicine, Northern Health Authority  
✓ Mr. Jerry Peterson, Acting Chair, Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District

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**From:** Collins, Eryn <Eryn.Collins@northernhealth.ca>  
**Sent:** February 24, 2017 9:53 AM  
**To:** Collins, Eryn  
**Subject:** NH Media Bulletin - Northern Health to notify radiological patients

The following media bulletin will be sent to northwest BC media outlets next hour, and posted online [here](#).

**For immediate release**

February 24, 2017

## **Northern Health to notify radiological patients**

Northern Health is working with patients and physicians after an audit of radiology exams (CT scan, ultrasound and general x-ray) at Mills Memorial Hospital found inconsistencies with the reading and reporting of medical images. The scans were read by one radiologist, between October 2016 and January 2017. The radiologist is on voluntary leave as the quality concerns are investigated.

Northern Health acted quickly to review and re-read the scans. A group of radiologists at Vancouver General Hospital is assisting with the reading of more than 8,400 images (from 5,278 patients). This process is expected to be complete by the end of March. As results become available, physicians and patients will be notified.

The review does not mean that all of the original readings are inaccurate or incomplete, or that a discrepancy will result in negative clinical concern or adverse health impacts to the individuals affected. These tests are used to support a physician diagnosis, and are not the only factor considered.

Northern Health is providing this notice to assure the general public that we are addressing this concern, and patients will be contacted if necessary by their physician. There is no public risk or need to follow up with your physician if you are not contacted.

We want to assure northerners that when concerns are raised we act quickly to address the issue. Patient safety and quality of patient care is of the utmost importance to Northern Health. If patients have further questions about their care, they're encouraged to contact their physician. General questions can also be sent to the following email: [NWradiology@northernhealth.ca](mailto:NWradiology@northernhealth.ca).

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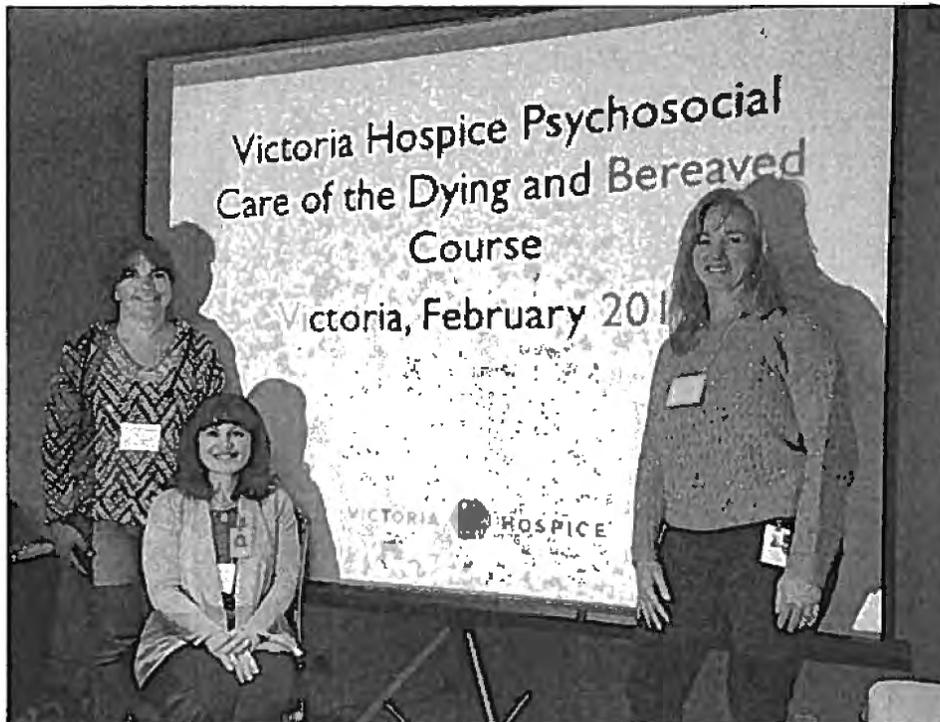
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**From:** Collins, Eryn <Eryn.Collins@northernhealth.ca>  
**Sent:** February 28, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** Communications Account  
**Subject:** NH photo submission - Preparations for Palliative Care in Vanderhoof

The following photo submission will be sent to Vanderhoof-area media outlets this hour.

February 28, 2017



**Suggested caption:** Staff from Stuart Nechako Manor attend a Victoria Hospice course on psychosocial care for the dying, in preparation for a new program in Vanderhoof. Sponsored to attend by the Fraser Lake Oncology Group, the participants - (l-r) Kelly Barr, Tracee Dunn and Chona Dick - will share their new knowledge with Manor colleagues in preparation to begin offering Palliative Care services this spring.

**Quotes:**

**John Rustad, Nechako Lakes MLA and Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation**

"We believe that supporting patients with services closer to home is a priority, from day-to-day health needs through to the end of a life's journey. I thank the staff at Stuart Nechako Manor for bringing this important knowledge to Vanderhoof, to support local patients and their families."

**Media Contact:**

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