

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Eileen Benedict
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Luke Strimbold – arrived at 10:06 a.m.
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Ray Chipeniuk, Smithers – arrived at 10:20 a.m.
Randy Fraser, Smithers – arrived at 10:33 a.m.
Jay Gilden, Smithers – arrived at 10:20 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD-2015-8-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of September 17, 2015 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MINUTES

**Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – August 20, 2015**

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD-2015-8-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of August 20, 2015 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CORRESPONDENCE

**Northern Health – The Pines
Electrical System Upgrade**

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD-2015-8-3

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Northern Health regarding the Pines Electrical System Upgrade.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Director Miller expressed his appreciation for the report provided by Northern Health in regard to the Pines Electrical System Upgrade. Discussion took place regarding the lack of a cost analysis, detail reporting and the tendering process. The benefits of upgrading the Pines generator and electrical system was discussed. The importance of being able to provide the tax payer with a detailed explanation and a cost benefit analysis was also discussed. The Capital Project Approval Form Section IV: Project Risk, #2. "Discuss reasonable alternatives to the project. Why weren't the alternatives selected?" does not have information provided. The SNRHD Board of Directors indicated that more detail is required. The funds being requested are from the funds that were to be utilized for the Burns Lake Hospital but are no longer required as the Burns Lake Hospital is under budget. Concerns were expressed that those funds could be used elsewhere as the SNRHD Board of Directors is continuing to initiate the steps to build a new hospital in Fort St. James.

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-8-4

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors write a letter to Northern Health outlining the SNRHD's position and request for further detailed information outlining a complete rationale as to why the Pines Electrical System Upgrade needs to be completed, the alternatives sourced and a cost benefit analysis of the project; and further, that a tender process be undertaken."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

First, Second, Third Reading and Adoption

No. 55 Stuart-Nechako
Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-8-5

"That "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 55, 2015" be deferred to a future Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board meeting."

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 56 Stuart-Nechako
Regional Hospital District
Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director MacDougall

SNRHD-2015-8-6

"That "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Annual Budget Amendment Bylaw No. 56, 2015" be deferred to a future Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board Meeting."

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Honoring Dr. Mary John and
Dr. Sophie Tom at St. John

Director Thiessen mentioned that St. John Hospital in Vanderhoof held an event to honour two First Nations physicians, Dr. Mary John and Dr.

Hospital

Sophie Tom. The event celebrated the working partnership between First Nations, healthcare and the community of Vanderhoof.

Community Champion Group

Director Thiessen asked if other communities had a community champion group that would welcome potential healthcare workers to their community and provide a tour of the community.

Director Benedict mentioned that in the past the Health Advisory Committee in Burns Lake would host potential healthcare workers to Burns Lake, provide tours and showcase the community. The group in Burns Lake was volunteer based and was not funded by any provincial agency. It was originally started by individuals in the community and then was transferred to the Village of Burns Lake Council.

Director MacDougall reported the success of their community welcoming committee in bringing physicians to Fort St. James. He noted that the group is spearheaded by Ann MacDonald along with 5 other community members and was an initiative of District Council. The welcoming committee provides an excellent showcase of the community by providing a tour to the First Nations communities and the area surrounding Fort St. James. In the past they have also provided helicopter tours of the area and boat rides on Stuart Lake. He felt that it was a great way to encourage professionals to the community and they are extending it to other organizations such as the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Director Lindstrom commented that the Village of Fraser Lake did a similar welcome committee a few years ago when they were working to attract physicians to the community. He mentioned that they were able to retain a physician after providing such a welcome to Fraser Lake.

Meeting with Minister of Health

Director Benedict spoke to the meeting scheduled with the Minister of Health at the UBCM Convention September 21-25, 2015 in Vancouver. She mentioned that she has provided background information in regard to discussing mental health services that has been included in the UBCM binders provided by staff.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2015-8-7

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Sprinkler System at the Stuart Lake Hospital

Director MacDougall mentioned that he received a call from a member of the public in regard to the breakdown of cost of the \$1 million Sprinkler System being planned for the Stuart Lake Hospital. He noted that the cost breakdown and tendering process needs to be readily available for review.

Director MacDougall noted that the District of Fort St. James is reviewing the project in regard to adequate water supply.

Meeting with Northern Health
and Minister of Health at
UBCM

Chair Petersen spoke to the meetings with Northern Health and the Minister of Health at the UBCM Convention September 21-25, 2015 in Vancouver. Northern Health is willing to work with the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District in a similar model as the Burns Lake Hospital replacement project to bring forward to the province the need to replace the Fort St. James Hospital.

Northern Health re-arranged their schedule in order to meet with the SNRHD Regional Board prior to its meeting with the Minister of Health at the convention.

Invitation to Northern Health
to attend a future SNRHD
Meeting

The Regional Board indicated its wish to invite Northern Health to a future SNRHD meeting to discuss Northern Health's cost analysis and tendering process. Staff will extend an invitation to Northern Health.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-8-8

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:37 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant