

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District

Memo

March 9, 2017

Board Agenda – March 9, 2017

To: Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors
From: Melany de Weerd, CAO
Regarding: Replacement of Primary Care facility in Fort St James.

In the fall of 2016 Northern Health issued a request for proposal for a lease in Fort St. James to accommodate the primary care facility.

Subsequently, questions arose about whether this is the best solution to the primary care requirements in the community. In order to ensure that the lease is the best available option, the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District held a meeting on March 7, 2016 with representation from the doctors, medical clinic, Northern Health, and the Fort St James Primary Care Society. Consideration was given to the urgency of the primary care situation, the costs to complete tenant improvements to a leasehold facility, and what would be involved in seeking approval from the Province to commence the hospital replacement with the Primary Care facility as a phase 1. It is unclear how long it would take to get Provincial approval and it is certain that a change in strategy would cause a delay.

Due to the pressing needs of the Medical Clinic, it was determined that there could be no delay in addressing the primary care facility's requirements, and the group achieved a consensus that the procurement for a lease should be pursued as quickly as possible.

Northern Health, in coordination with the Steering Committee, will now further consider the proposals received and commence negotiations with the successful proponent.

Concurrently, Northern Health and the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District will continue to pursue Provincial approval for the long overdue hospital replacement in Fort St. James.

The SHRHD's objective, as always, is to meet the needs of the community and to provide the best value to taxpayers.

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

That the memorandum from the CAO, dated March 9, 2017 regarding the Primary Care facility in Fort St. James be received.