

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017**

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

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

Directors Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake  
Absent Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Roxanne Shepherd, Treasurer  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Tyrel Ray, Village of Fraser Lake  
Darcy Repen, Village of Telkwa

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Illes

SNRHD-2017-8-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of August 17, 2017 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Stuart-Nechako Regional  
Hospital District Meeting  
Minutes – June 22, 2017

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2017-8-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of June 22, 2017 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS**

Financial Statements  
-June 30, 2017

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD-2017-8-3

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer’s August 8, 2017 memo titled “Financial Statements – June 30, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Northern Health Capital  
Status Reports March and  
June 2017

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD-2017-8-4

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer's July 28, 2017 memo titled "Northern Health Capital Status Reports March and June, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Expenditure Bylaw  
No. 64

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2017-8-5

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer's July 17, 2017 memo titled "Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 64."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Illes

SNRHD-2017-8-6

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the following correspondence from Northern Health:

- News Release – What Does Wellness Mean to You?
- Media Bulletin – Northern Health Connections Annual Summer Maintenance Modified Schedule for the Month of August."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BYLAW**

### **Bylaw for First, Second, Third Reading & Adoption**

No. 64 – SNRHD Capital  
Expenditure

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD-2017-8-7

"That "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 64, 2017" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017."

(All/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

Fort St. James Primary Care/  
Community Services Space  
Procurement

Roxanne Shepherd, Treasurer provided an update in regard to the Fort St. James Primary Care/Community Services Space Procurement meeting on June 28, 2017. She noted that Mike Hoefler, Capital Planning, Northern Health reviewed the timeline for the project, noting completion in November, 2018. Timelines are estimates at this point and tend to be conservative. The construction tender will yield the actual construction timeline. Discussion took place in regard to communication and recirculating the master plan and providing messaging September to mid-October, 2017 in regard to the scope of work and master planning. Further messaging in December in regard to the schematic design process update was also discussed.

## **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Monthly meetings will begin in September including a video-conference option in Burns Lake.

### New Physician in Burns Lake

Director Thiessen mentioned that a new physician has been completing his credential assessment in Vanderhoof in order to work in Burns Lake. Director Thiessen has been working with Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo-Prince George to assist the new physician in moving his family to Canada. He encouraged Burns Lake to also contact Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley for assistance.

Director Thiessen spoke of the challenges and road blocks that are presented to physicians in bringing their families to Canada and expressed a need to encourage the Federal Government to provide assistance.

### Wait Times for Treatment

Director Miller commented that he had been made aware of an individual living in Kelowna, B.C. that was diagnosed with breast cancer and her wait times from diagnosis to the first available appointment was five months. Due to circumstances and the need to be closer to family she relocated to Houston, B.C. and was provided treatment and surgery within two weeks of being seen at the Houston Medical Clinic. He commented that there are situations where the service levels in northern B.C. can be better than those in southern B.C.

### Thank You to Henry Van Andel

Director Thiessen reported that Henry Van Andel a resident of Vanderhoof has in the past donated \$250,000 to the oncology unit at St. John Hospital in Vanderhoof and has recently donated \$100,000 for equipment for the oncology unit. He spoke of providing a thank you letter to Mr. Van Andel for his generous donations.

### Write a Thank You Letter

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Liversidge

### SNRHD-2017-8-8

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors write a thank you letter to Henry Van Andel for his generous donations to the oncology unit at St. John Hospital in Vanderhoof, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Evacuation of Health Facilities Due to Wildfires

Chair Petersen spoke of the evacuations that have occurred in the Cariboo region due to wildfires and that Northern Health has been working closely with Interior Health to assist patients that were relocated from hospitals and medical facilities in the region to University of Northern B.C. Hospital in Prince George. Northern Health, during the height of the evacuation, set up a medical clinic at the College of New Caledonia. College classes are due to begin session shortly and with less pressure with the number of evacuees the temporary medical facility has now been closed. Chair Petersen spoke of the excellent job that Northern Health did and is doing to assist during the wildfire event occurring in B.C. and suggested that if the opportunity presents itself to thank Northern Health for their hard work.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

**Receipt of Verbal Reports**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD-2017-8-9

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD-2017-8-10

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant