

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Chris Beach – arrived at 10:15 a.m.
Eileen Benedict
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD.2018-5-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of April 19, 2018 be approved as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes March 8, 2018

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2018-5-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of March 8, 2018 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Stuart-Nechako Manor
In Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen brought forward concerns in regard to the condition of Stuart Nechako Manor and the impact to the residents of the senior care facility. A notable challenge is the heating system in the facility. Director Thiessen has a meeting scheduled with Mike Hoefer, Regional Director, Capital Planning and Support Services, Northern Health on Monday, April 23, 2018. Discussion took place regarding the impacts of winter climates in northern B.C. to the construction of buildings. The age of the building was also discussed.

Chair Petersen and Director Thiessen will provide an update to the SNRHD Board of Directors after they meet with Northern Health.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD.2018-5-3

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Northern Health –RE: Project #N661750008 St. John Hospital Patient Monitoring System bylaw 60, 2016;
- Northern Health – News Release – Building on Primary and Community Care Space in Fort St. James;
- Northern Health – News Release – IMAGINE Community Grants of up to \$5,000 available to Community Groups, Schools and other Partners.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

Northern Health – Invitation to Members for NCLGA Convention 2018

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD.2018-5-4

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors direct staff to schedule a meeting with Northern Health at the NCLGA Convention 2018; and further, that the following topics be forwarded to Northern Health for discussion:

- Stuart Nechako Manor
- Concept plans for a new hospital in Fort St. James
- Mental Health and Addictions in northern BC.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Telehealth Meeting –Northern Health Spring Meeting -April 15, 2018

Director Greenaway attended the Northern Health Telehealth meeting April 15, 2018. Northern Health provided an update in regard to its Capital Plan, medical transportation and physician recruitment. Director Greenaway mentioned that the telehealth connection was not consistent and he missed parts of the meeting. The telehealth connection in Burns Lake worked well. Chair Petersen, Melany de Weerd, CAO and John Illes, Treasurer also attended the meeting via Telehealth. Chair Petersen provided an overview of the major and minor capital projects to take place in 2018. Chair Petersen mentioned that the capital funding for the Pines Cafeteria expansion project is being allocated in 2017/2018 to align with Northern Health’s work on the project. He noted the Fort St. James Primary Care Clinic is proposed to be completed in the spring of 2019.

St. John Hospital – Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen mentioned that St. John Hospital is hiring a Facility Engagement Project Coordinator and has re-opened its operating room on April 13, 2018 after it flooded.

Long Term Care Facility

Director Benedict noted that when the Pines Long Term Care facility was built the community insisted that more beds be added to the initial number. She noted that the facility is over utilized and that senior populations are underestimated when building facilities.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Thiessen mentioned that in Vanderhoof, due to the lack of available beds in seniors care facilities, one individual has been in the hospital for approximately 500 days. He spoke of the importance of ensuring that the number of beds in senior care facilities being built match the needs of the community.

Chair Petersen commented that Northern Health has been working on a program for a number of years in regard to keeping seniors in their homes and are in the implementation process.

Director Liversidge mentioned that Granisle has a senior care program funded by United Way called "Better at Home", the program supports the non-medical needs of older adults at home. He commented that the program is successful and they are investigating ways to provide additional levels of service to the program. The United Way is beginning to expand the program to other communities in B.C.

Master Planning – Update of Stuart Lake Hospital Concept Plan

Chair Petersen reported that in 2015 Northern Health submitted a plan to the Provincial Government regarding the Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement project. The Province has requested that Northern Health submit an updated concept plan. Northern Health has indicated they will have the updated plan completed in June, 2018.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

SNRHD-2018-5-5

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Hospital Districts and Senior Housing

John Illes, Treasurer mentioned that while attending a recent conference discussion took place regarding hospital districts building partnerships with their Health Authority and BC Housing to develop extended care facilities and seniors housing options. Mr. Illes will research further.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2018-5-6

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant