

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Eileen Benedict  
Tom Greenaway  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall  
Bill Miller  
Mark Parker  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake

Alternate Director John Illes, Village of Burns Lake

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2016-7-1

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of September 22, 2016 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2016

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2016-7-2

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of June 9, 2016 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Fort St. James Primary Care and Hospital Replacement**

Melany de Weerd, CAO provided an overview of the Fort St. James Primary Care and Hospital Replacement meeting with Northern Health September 20, 2016.

- Northern Health is pursuing an interim lease solution in Fort St. James to address primary care provider' space needs for both the physicians and the patients;
- The need is critical;
- Don't want the long term replacement of the hospital to halt;
- Fort St. James Hospital replacement is not currently a part of the Province's Capital Planning projects;

## **DISCUSSION ITEM (CONT'D)**

### **Fort St. James Primary Care and Hospital Replacement (Cont'd)**

- Northern Health can move forward with the interim lease solution as it is within its authority to implement and doesn't require additional government approvals;
- 40% funding consideration from the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District was discussed to complete renovations to the lease location in order to accommodate the physicians, staff and patients;
- Northern Health expressed a desire for support in principle;
- Northern Health invited Ms. de Weerd, and Chair Petersen has recommended that Director Greenaway sit on the Steering Committee which will be co-chaired by Northern Interior COO, Penny Anquish and Regional Director, Capital Planning and Support Services, Mike Hoefer
  - o The Steering Committee is being developed and initiated immediately to provide guidance on an upcoming lease procurement and tenant improvements.

Director MacDougall mentioned that he met with the Chair of the Fort St. James Primary Care Society on September 21, 2016 and the contract with the physicians in the community is being completed. There are six physicians and nine to eleven staff and they are currently working in a very poor facility not conducive to a healthy work environment. It is critical to maintain the level of care and physicians in the community and he requested the support of the SNRHD. Director Greenaway also emphasized the need to keep the physicians in the community.

Discussion took place regarding the costs to upgrade and lease a building to meet specific health dependent requirements. Concerns were brought forward regarding the potential funds for the interim lease building being taken from monies to be used for the future Fort St. James Hospital replacement project. The monies currently in the SNRHD reserves was discussed. Director MacDougall spoke to the critical need currently in Fort St. James in regard to providing a healthy environment for physicians and patients. The Fort St. James Hospital replacement project is a number of years away from being completed.

The Fort St. James Hospital replacement project is included in Northern Health's future capital plans but is not on the Provincial Capital Plans. Director Benedict spoke to her experience in regard to the Burns Lake Hospital Replacement Project and the importance of involving the community during the planning stages. The Fort St. James Primary Care Society is comprised of community members that are very much involved in the support and continued assistance in maintaining adequate health services in the Fort St. James community.

Director Thiessen spoke to the physician crisis currently being experienced in Vanderhoof and the need to keep physicians in the region. Fort St. James has identified a significant working solution to maintain a level of care in the community and support is needed.

Fort St. James Primary Care and Hospital Replacement

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Alternate director Illes

SNRHD.2016-7-3

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors approve Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer and Director Tom Greenaway's appointment to the Fort St. James Primary Care and Hospital Replacement Steering Committee."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORT**

SNRHD 2016 Final Budget  
Information for Fort St. James  
Hospital Replacement/Primary  
Care Discussion

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

SNRHD.2016-7-4

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the report titled “SNRHD 2016 Final Budget – Amended May 26, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Alternate Director Illes

SNRHD.2016-7-5

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

-Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District – Response from Minister of Health – Hospital District Act – Cost Sharing Authority”;  
-Northern Health - \$1.59 Million Distributed Across the North to Support Community Based HIV/HCV Initiatives.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VERBAL REPORTS**

Cops for Cancer in Fort  
St. James

Director MacDougall mentioned that the Cops for Cancer was in Fort St. James on September 17, 2016. He spoke of the dedication of the riders and the gratitude from Fort St. James for the commitment to raising funds for cancer research.

University Medical Student  
in Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen commented that Vanderhoof hosted a University Medical Student and provided an opportunity to have dinner and showcase the community.

Receipt of Verbal  
Reports

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2016-7-6

“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 MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2016-7-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY