

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER****SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Receive

**AGENDA – November 23, 2017**

Approve

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Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District  
 Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2017

Adopt

**DELEGATIONS****BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES**

Barb Fitzsimmons, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. John Tallon, Vice-President, Clinical and Medical Programs

Paul Vallely, Senior Provincial Executive Director, Patient Care Delivery

RE: Criteria for Landing for Air Services, Carriers Serving Small

Communities, Forestry Ombudsman's Report and Helicopter Responses to  
 the Area

**NORTHERN HEALTH**

Penny Anguish, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Interior Health Services  
 Delivery Area – Via Teleconference

Aaron Bond, Interim Health Services Administrator, Prince George – Via  
 Teleconference

April Hughes, Health Services Administrator, Omineca

Marie Hunter, Health Services Administrator, Lakes District

RE: Update: Capital Projects, Seniors Care, and Mental Health Services

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Recommendation  
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 - Completion Report – Lakes District Hospital

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John Illes, Treasurer  
 - Northern Health Capital Status Reports  
 - September 30, 2017

Receive

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John Illes, Treasurer  
 - Financial Statements – January 1, 2017 to  
 September 30, 2017

Receive

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VERBAL REPORTS

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT****MEETING MINUTES****THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Chris Beach  
Eileen Benedict  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall  
Bill Miller  
Mark Parker  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

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

Others Alistair Schroff, Lakes Animal Friendship Society – arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – arrived at 10:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**AGENDA**Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Beach**SNRHD-2017-9-1**

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of October 12, 2017 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****MINUTES****Stuart-Nechako Regional  
Hospital District Meeting  
Minutes – August 17, 2017**Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Beach**SNRHD-2017-9-2**

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of August 17, 2017 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****REPORTS****Memorandum of  
Understanding**Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director MacDougall**SNRHD-2017-9-3**

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Chief Administrative Officer's October 2, 2017 memo titled "Memorandum of Understanding" and approve the Memorandum of Understanding for signature."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## REPORTS (CONT'D)

Discussion took place in regard to the importance of prioritizing communication. Chair Petersen commented that during the Northern Health Board Meetings there is an opportunity for communication.

Director Benedict mentioned that the original Memorandum of Understanding was developed to provide a guideline for Northern Health due to the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District wanting to be more involved in capital projects and requesting more transparency in regard to projects within the SNRHD.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

### SNRHD-2017-9-4

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

- Smithers Caregivers Support Group – Assisted Living;
- Northern Health University Hospital of Northern BC Breast Imaging Clinic Officially Opens."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the Smithers Caregivers Support Group – Assisted Living letter. The SNRHD Board of Directors identified that there is a lack of support for caregivers of seniors, Alzheimer's, Dementia and serious illnesses across the entire region including Burns Lake which was identified in the letter as having a new hospital. The Board of Directors noted that having a new hospital in Burns Lake did not mean there is adequate support and service levels for caregivers and their patients.

Director Thiessen spoke to the challenges and impacts associated with seniors care across the north. He noted the need to find solutions for seniors to be able to stay in their communities while also receiving the support to do so. Director Thiessen suggested, because the issue is regional, that it could be discussed at a RDBN Committee of the Whole Meeting and that for 30 minutes at every Committee of the Whole meeting the Regional Board could address regional discussion items.

Director Benedict mentioned that Northern Health is attending the SNRHD Board meeting in November, 2017 and it would be an opportunity to discuss care giver support. Chair Petersen suggested that the SNRHD Board of Directors can forward any further topics of discussion to staff prior to the meeting to forward to Northern Health.

## VERBAL REPORTS

### Full Time Doctor for Fraser Lake

Director Lindstrom reported that Fraser Lake has a full time doctor moving to the community.

### Medical Students Arriving in Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen noted that there are two locums and two resident doctors in Vanderhoof and on October 28, 2017 six more medical students will be arriving in the community. He is planning to host a dinner for the students to help encourage them to consider Vanderhoof when they complete their studies.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

District of Fort St. James  
Locum

Director MacDougall commented that the District of Fort St. James also has a locum doctor in the community. He mentioned that along with the Fort St. James Primary Care Society he attended a dinner for the locum to encourage him to remain in Fort St. James to practice medicine.

Stuart Lake Hospital  
Replacement Committee

Director MacDougall mentioned that in meeting with the Minister of Health at the 2017 UBCM Convention direction was given to form a Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Committee to focus efforts on the project. Director MacDougall will provide information to Chair Petersen and staff moving forward.

Emergency Room Concerns

Director Miller brought forward concerns in regard to Emergency Room procedures at the Burns Lake Hospital. He has been made aware of an incident wherein a patient sliced open his hand and required 37 stitches but when he arrived at the hospital and rang the bell at the Emergency Department there was no response. The patient waited over an hour before staff responded. He spoke of this issue needing to be brought to Northern Health's attention.

Burns Lake Ambassador  
Committee

Director Beach commented that he is a member of the Burns Lake Ambassador Committee which was formed to provide support to new physicians moving into the community similar to initiatives in Vanderhoof and Fort St. James. He noted that they are planning an event in the future and will be inviting anyone involved in the medical field from doctors and nurses to pharmacists.

Northern Health/Regional  
Hospital Districts Meeting  
-October 16, 2017 – Prince  
George, B.C.

Chair Petersen and Melany de Weerd, CAO are attending the Northern Health and Regional Hospital Districts Meeting October 16, 2017 in Prince George, B.C.

2017 UBCM Meetings with  
Northern Health and Minister  
of Health

Chair Petersen mentioned that both SNRHD meetings with Northern Health and the Minister of Health were positive. He commented that they were willing to discuss issues and concerns and look toward solutions.

Coordination of Emergency  
Services

Director Thiessen spoke to the need to include BC Ambulance Paramedics, a key link in healthcare, in the coordination of emergency services discussions. Director Thiessen has been in contact with Craig Parnell, BC Ambulance Service.

Receipt of Verbal  
Reports

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

SNRHD-2017-9-5

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Burns Lake Hospital**  
**-Maternity Ward**

Director Parker questioned if the Burns Lake Hospital is equipped with a Maternity Ward. Director Beach mentioned that the Burns Lake Hospital does have a maternity ward but does not have sufficient staff to be able to deliver babies at this time. He mentioned that he has recently become aware, and will start researching, other small communities in B.C. that have low risk model maternity wards and are able to perform low risk deliveries. Director Thiessen spoke of the need to attract and retain a high staffing level in order to provide maternity ward services. Chair Petersen noted the importance of continuing to communicate with Northern Health in regard to the maternity ward at the Burns Lake Hospital.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Miller

**SNRHD-2017-9-6**

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:38 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

# Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District

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MEMO

**To:** Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes, Treasurer  
**Date:** November 23, 2017  
**Re:** Investment Policy Statement Adoption

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This proposed policy mirrors the investment policy of the Regional District that was adopted on June 22, 2017.

Staff have been following this policy for both the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako investments as well as the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District. However, as these are separate organizations, with separate investment accounts, our investment advisors have asked that the Hospital Board provide them with an approved policy.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

1. That the memorandum from the Treasurer dated November 23 'Investment Policy Statement Adoption' be received;
2. That the Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital Board approve the 'Investment Policy Statement' dated November 23, 2017.

# Stuart-Nechako

## Regional Hospital District

POLICY SNRHD Investment Policy  
ADOPTED:

### Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District Investment Policy Statement

#### Purpose:

This Policy provides guidance to ensure that the investment of public funds is handled in a prudent manner with due care.

#### Scope:

This Policy applies to the investment of cash in all funds and reserves.

#### Policy Statement:

The investment of public money must reflect a conservative philosophy based on the following three prioritized objectives:

1. **Safety / Preservation of Capital** - Minimizing the potential for loss of the investment principal by considering the credit risk of the issuer of the investment and diversifying the investment portfolio.
2. **Liquidity** - Ensuring that the maturity dates of the investments match the operating cash requirements of the Hospital District and Northern Health so that investments do not have to be sold prior to maturity, minimizing the risk of capital loss. Liquidity is enhanced by holding a portion of the portfolio in cash and readily marketable short term investments.
3. **Maximization of Returns** -A significant amount of revenue is generated through investment earnings. The investment portfolio is designed with the objective of maximizing return subject to the criteria of preservation of capital and liquidity.

#### Principles:

1. All investments must be made in accordance with Section 183 of the Community Charter, which applies to all local governments in BC and reads as follows:

Money held by a municipality that is not immediately required may be invested or reinvested in one or more of the following:

- a) securities of the Municipal Finance Authority;
- b) pooled investment funds under section 16 of the Municipal Finance Authority Act;
- c) securities of Canada or of a province;
- d) securities guaranteed for principal and interest by Canada or by a province;
- e) securities of a municipality, regional district or greater board;
- f) investments guaranteed by a chartered bank;
- g) deposits in a savings institution, or non-equity or membership shares of a credit union;

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- h) other investments specifically authorized under this or another Act.
2. Investments shall be made with judgment and care, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. Investment officers acting in accordance with this investment policy and exercising due diligence will have the authority to undertake prudent investment transactions. All transactions to purchase investments require two authorizing signatures.
3. The prime investment objective of the investment program is to ensure the safety of principal. Therefore, investments shall be selected in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital. To attain this objective, the Hospital District will mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk as follows:
- a) **Credit Risk:** The Hospital District will minimize credit risk, the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issue or backer, by:
- Limiting investments to securities of high credit worthiness. As such, all securities must achieve a rating of better than or equivalent to "R-1 Low" (short term) or "A" (long term) as determined by Dominion Bond Rating Services (DBRS), or an equivalent rating service. BC and Alberta Credit Unions are rated R-1 Low and their investments are fully guaranteed by their respective Provinces. Investments in securities of institutions which are not rated can only be invested in with consent of the Board.
  - Diversifying the investment portfolio to minimize potential losses
- b) **Interest Rate Risk:** The Hospital District will minimize interest rate risk, the risk that market values or yields will fall, by:
- Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities prior to maturity
  - Investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term investments
4. The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating and reasonably anticipated cash flow requirements. Investments will be limited to ten years to the initial call dates. Investments of longer than ten years may be advantageous if the timing of cash needs has a long time horizon, however, would require the approval of the Board to purchase.
5. The Hospital District will attempt to diversify its investments by security type and institution. However, at times this will not be possible given the size of the investment portfolio. With the exception of securities issued and/or guaranteed by the Government of Canada, generally not more than 50% of the Hospital District total investment portfolio will be invested with any one issuer.

6. All investments will be in Canadian dollars unless approved by the Board.
7. A copy of this policy will be provided to investment dealers purchasing investments on behalf of the Hospital District
8. A report shall be prepared annually and presented to the Board, which identifies the investments held as at the prior December 31. The investment report will include:
  - a) A list of current holdings by investment type held at the end of the reporting period by cost and market value;
  - b) The investment term in days and rate of returns on matured investments;
  - c) A detailed listing of bonds held, including investment cost, market value, interest realized YTD and maturity value.

Dated November 23, 2017

**Stuart-Nechako  
Regional Hospital District**

**Memo**

**Board Agenda – November 23, 2017**

**To:** Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes, Treasurer  
**Regarding:** Completion Report – Lakes District Hospital

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Attached is the financial completion report for the Lakes District Hospital.

The total project cost was \$53.973 million with the Hospital District's share (including the money received during the planning stage) of \$10.604 million.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation: (all/directors/majority)

That the memorandum from the Treasurer, dated November 23, 2017 regarding the Lakes District Hospital Completion Report be received.



# Stuart-Nechako

## Regional Hospital District

# Memo

### Board Agenda – November 23, 2017

**To:** Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes Treasurer  
**Regarding:** Northern Health Capital Status Reports September 30, 2017

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Also attached are the following Northern Health capital status reports for the SNRHD for the first 2017/18 quarter ending September 30, 2017.

- Building Integrity
- Minor Capital < \$100,000 (Fiscal year 2017 ending March 31, 2017)
- Minor Capital < \$100,000 (Fiscal year 2018 ending March 31, 2018)

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

That the memorandum from the Treasurer, dated November 23, 2017 regarding Northern Health Capital Spending Reports for the quarters ending September 30, 2017 be received.

October 3rd, 2017

Email: [melany.deweerdtrdbn.bc.ca](mailto:melany.deweerdtrdbn.bc.ca)

Melany de Weerd  
Financial Administrator  
Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District  
P.O. Box 820  
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E

**RE: Second Quarter 2017/18 Capital Status Reports**

Dear Ms. de Weerd:

Thank you for your continued support.

Enclosed please find capital status reports for the second quarter of our 2017/2018 year for the Building Integrity and the Minor Capital Grant(s).

If you have any questions on the attached, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

*Lil Milani*

A. Lil Milani  
Capital Accounting Coordinator



**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Period Date: **September 07, 2017**

**BI - Building Integrity**

**Budget Total:**

**Expense Total:**

**Variance:**

FUNDING SOURCES					Actual Expenditures	Committed (Spent)
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total		
\$36,000	\$24,000		\$62,400	\$122,400	\$0	\$58,240
\$36,000	\$24,000		\$62,400	\$122,400	\$0	\$58,240
			\$58,240	\$58,240		
\$36,000	\$24,000		\$4,160	\$64,160		

Capital Expenditures

2017

St. John Hospital

BI - Building Integrity

N6617N0043 Boiler Tube Replacement

Count: 1 Ref to Op in Progress Total

**BI - Building Integrity Total**

			\$58,240	\$58,240		Op In Prog
			\$58,240	\$58,240		
			\$58,240	\$58,240		
			\$58,240	\$58,240		

'Approved' Count: 0

'On Hold' Count: 0

'Ordered' Count: 0

'Completed' Count: 0

Count: 1 **Report Total**

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**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Period Date: **September 07, 2017**

**BI - Building Integrity**

FUNDING SOURCES					Actual Expenditures	Committed (Spent)
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total		
\$36,000	\$24,000		\$213,019	\$273,019	\$0	\$56,862
<b>Budget Total:</b>	\$36,000	\$24,000	\$213,019	\$273,019	\$0	\$56,862
<b>Expense Total:</b>			\$56,862	\$56,862		
<b>Variance:</b>	\$36,000	\$24,000	\$156,157	\$216,157		

Capital Expenditures

2018

**BI - Building Integrity**

St. John Hospital  
Stuart Lake Hospital

N6618N0009 Heater - Hot Water X2  
N6618N0027 Air Conditioner

Count: 2 **Isf to Op In Progress Total**

**BI - Building Integrity Total**

			\$45,297	\$45,297		Op In Prog
			\$11,565	\$11,565		Op In Prog
			<b>\$56,862</b>	<b>\$56,862</b>		
			<b>\$56,862</b>	<b>\$56,862</b>		
			<b>\$56,862</b>	<b>\$56,862</b>		

'Approved' Count: 0  
'On Hold' Count: 0  
'Ordered' Count: 0  
'Completed' Count: 0

Count: 2 **Report Total**

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**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Period Date: **September 07, 2017**

**Minor Capital < \$100,000**

**Budget Total:**

**Expense Total:**

**Variance:**

FUNDING SOURCES					Actual Expenditures	Committed (Spent)
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total		
\$171,265	\$172,920	\$231,841	\$169,948	\$745,974	\$550,544	\$751,721
\$171,265	\$172,920	\$231,841	\$169,948	\$745,974	\$550,544	\$751,721
\$177,011	\$172,920	\$231,841	\$169,948	\$751,721		
	\$ (5,748)			\$ (5,747)		

Capital Expenditures

2017

**Minor Capital < \$100,000**

Location	Item ID	Description	MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total	Actual	Committed	Status
St. John Hospital	N661730004	Renovations to meet infection control stand	\$77,054				\$77,054	77,054		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790040	Cabinet - Biological Safety		\$8,191			\$8,191	8,191		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790059	Bed - GoBed X2		\$19,602			\$19,602	19,602		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790060	Bed - Bariatric		\$12,498		\$11,033	\$23,531	23,531		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790061	Bed - Labour & Delivery		\$23,660			\$23,660	23,660		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790070	Oven - Combi		\$24,114			\$24,114	24,114		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790072	Pumps - IV X4		\$1,727	\$22,000		\$23,727	23,727		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790074	Cart - Meal		\$9,714			\$9,714	9,714		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790098	Pump - Syringe			\$7,959		\$7,959	7,959		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790103	Storage System			\$18,379		\$18,379	18,379		Completed
St. John Hospital	N661790104	Evacuator - Smoke			\$8,628		\$8,628	8,628		Completed
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661790041	Cabinet - Biological Safety		\$8,758			\$8,758	8,758		Completed
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661790049	Scanner - Bladder		\$16,869			\$16,869	16,869		Completed
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661790050	ECG System		\$19,278			\$19,278	19,278		Completed
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661790073	Stainer - Slide		\$19,353			\$19,353	19,353		Completed
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661790090	Ultrasound - Portable			\$59,526		\$59,526	59,526		Completed
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661790102	Ventilator - Transport	\$20,839		\$15,650		\$36,489	36,489		Completed
Lakes District Hospital	N661770001	Decontamination Room, BLH			\$23,462		\$23,462	23,462		Completed
Lakes District Hospital	N661790051	Call Station		\$6,640			\$6,640	6,640		Completed
Lakes District Hospital	N661790052	Scanner - Bladder		\$427	\$17,613		\$18,040	18,040		Completed
Lakes District Hospital	N661790088	Stretcher - Trauma	\$9,176			\$1,982	\$11,158	11,158		Completed
Lakes District Hospital	N661790092	Scrubber - Floor	\$6,193	\$2,089			\$8,282	8,282		Completed
The Pines	N661760004	Vocera	\$2,839			\$17,190	\$20,029	20,029		Completed
The Pines	N661790057	Lift - Ceiling (X4)	\$32,124				\$32,124	32,124		Completed
The Pines	N661790087	Lift - Sit to Stand	\$9,322				\$9,322	9,322		Completed
Stuart Nechako Manor	N661790077	Scrubber - Floor				\$10,374	\$10,374	10,374		Completed
<b>Count: 26 Completed Total</b>			<b>\$157,547</b>	<b>\$172,920</b>	<b>\$173,217</b>	<b>\$40,580</b>	<b>\$544,264</b>	<b>\$44,264</b>		
St. John Hospital	N6617N0004	Pump Remediation (X12)			\$55,000	\$14,576	\$69,576	69,576		if to Operati
St. John Hospital	N6617N0016	Software for 14/15 Pump Remediation	\$4,034				\$4,034	4,034		if to Operati
Stuart Lake Hospital	N6617N0005	Pump Remediation (X8)				\$45,448	\$45,448	45,448		if to Operati
Stuart Lake Hospital	N6617N0029	Flooring - Granit	\$770			\$18,442	\$19,212	19,212		if to Operati
Lakes District Hospital	N661790039	PICC Line Placement Tracker			\$3,624		\$3,624	3,624		if to Operati
Lakes District Hospital	N6617N0023	Automatic Door Opener	\$5,188				\$5,188	5,188		if to Operati
Fraser Lake D & T Centre	N6617N0002	Pump Remediation (X3)				\$14,775	\$14,775	14,775		if to Operati

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**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Capital Expenditures

Year(s): 2017

Granisle	N6617N0003	Pump Remediation (X1)	Count:: 8	Ref to Operating Total
Lakes District Hospital	N661790043	Equipment (to be assigned)	Count:: 1	Cancelled Total
Stuart Lake Hospital	N6617N0027	Conditioner - Air	Count:: 1	Ref to Op In Progress Total
		<b>Minor Capital &lt; \$100,000 Total</b>		
'Approved' Count::	0	Count::	36	Report Total
'On Hold' Count::	0			
'Ordered' Count::	0			
'Completed' Count::	26			

FUNDING SOURCES					Period Date:	September 07, 2017	
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation /Other	Opening Cash /Deferred /Internal	Total	Expenditures to Date	File Status	
\$7,447				\$7,447	7,447	Ref to Operati	
<b>\$17,439</b>		<b>\$58,624</b>	<b>\$93,242</b>	<b>\$169,304</b>	<b>169,304</b>		
				\$0		Cancelled	
				\$0			
\$2,025			\$36,127	\$38,152	31,764	Op In Prog	
<b>\$2,025</b>			<b>\$36,127</b>	<b>\$38,152</b>	<b>31,764</b>		
<b>\$177,011</b>	<b>\$172,920</b>	<b>\$231,841</b>	<b>\$169,948</b>	<b>\$751,721</b>	<b>745,333</b>		
<b>\$177,011</b>	<b>\$172,920</b>	<b>\$231,841</b>	<b>\$169,948</b>	<b>\$751,721</b>	<b>745,333</b>		

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**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Period Date: **September 07, 2017**

**Minor Capital < \$100,000**

**Budget Total:**  
**Expense Total:**  
**Variance:**

FUNDING SOURCES					Actual Expenditures	Committed (Spent)
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total		
\$190,000	\$177,000	\$50,537	\$13,449	\$430,986	\$171,260	\$315,674
\$190,000	\$177,000	\$50,537	\$13,449	\$430,986	\$171,260	\$315,674
\$150,417	\$101,271	\$50,537	\$13,449	\$315,674		
\$39,583	\$75,729			\$115,312		

Capital Expenditures

2018

**Minor Capital < \$100,000**

St. John Hospital	N661890014	Bed X2					
St. John Hospital	N661890027	Ice Machine					
St. John Hospital	N661890040	Colonoscope					
St. John Hospital	N661890056	Rack - Washer					
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661890012	Bed - GoBed X2					
Stuart Nechako Manor	N661890013	Chair - Bathing					
NI Community Services-SN	N661890035	Refrigerator - Vaccine					
	Count::	7	<b>Completed Total</b>				
Lakes District Hospital	N661890066	Scrubber - Floor					
The Pines	N661890067	Lift - Ceiling X9					
	Count::	2	<b>Approved Total</b>				
St. John Hospital	N661890011	Processor - Video & Lightsource					
St. John Hospital	N661890059	Insufflator					
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661890054	Auto Loader					
Stuart Lake Hospital	N661890060	Mattress - Alternating Pressure					
	Count::	4	<b>Ordered Total</b>				
St. John Hospital	N6618N0021	Walk-in Cooler System Upgrade					
The Pines	N6618N0019	Replace existing storage tank					
	Count::	2	<b>Tsf to Operating Total</b>				
St. John Hospital	N6618N0024	C-Arm Repair					
Stuart Lake Hospital	N6618N0005	Training - Biomed (for file N661790102)					
	Count::	2	<b>Tsf to Op In Progress Total</b>				
			<b>Minor Capital &lt; \$100,000 Total</b>				
			<b>Report Total</b>				
'Approved' Count::	2	Count::	17				
'On Hold' Count::	0						
'Ordered' Count::	4						
'Completed' Count::	7						

	\$19,457			\$19,457	19,457	Completed
	\$9,983			\$9,983	9,983	Completed
	\$2,849	\$36,288		\$39,137	39,137	Completed
		\$5,382		\$5,382	5,382	Completed
	\$19,457			\$19,457	19,457	Completed
\$21			\$13,449	\$13,470	13,470	Completed
\$6,592				\$6,592	6,592	Completed
\$6,613	\$51,746	\$41,670	\$13,449	\$113,478	113,478	
	\$8,429			\$8,429		Approved
\$79,010				\$79,010		Approved
\$79,010	\$8,429			\$87,439		
	\$30,775			\$30,775	30,775	Ordered
	\$3,497	\$3,000		\$6,497		Ordered
	\$6,363			\$6,363		Ordered
	\$461	\$5,867		\$6,328		Ordered
	\$41,096	\$8,867		\$49,963	30,775	
\$7,238				\$7,238	7,238	Op In Prog
\$25,152				\$25,152	25,152	Op In Prog
\$32,390				\$32,390	32,390	
\$29,707				\$29,707	27,007	Op In Prog
\$2,696				\$2,696		Op In Prog
\$32,403				\$32,403	27,007	
\$150,417	\$101,271	\$50,537	\$13,449	\$315,674	203,651	
\$150,417	\$101,271	\$50,537	\$13,449	\$315,674	203,651	

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**Project Detail**

Created By : Leah Joseph on Thursday, September 28, 2017  
 Report Status as of : 9/25/2017  
 Project Activity for : Last Week (Last 7 Days)  
 Upcoming Tasks for: Next Week (Next 7 Days)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**PROJECT PROFILE**

Identification

Name: [Phone System Upgrade - St John Hospital \(Vanderhoof\)](#)  
 Description: Replacing legacy phone system in the St John Hospital

Number: 2824

Classification

Type: Technology  
 Status: Project Planning  
 Priority: Refer to Evaluation  
 Organization Owner: Network & Telecom

Business Priority  
 Category: IT B  
 Portfolio: ITS  
 Project Owner: Uhrich, James

Status Update (Last Modified: 9/18/2017 5:50:50 PM)

Brianna Russell 9/18/2017 2:50:24 PM  
 Andrew completing the pre-field to send to Charter for a quote

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 approved on the 17/18 major capital plan

Health

Name	Value
Cost	Not Set
Overall Project Health	Not Set
Quality	Not Set

Name	Value
Schedule	Not Set
Scope	Not Set

Properties

Name	Value
Project Purpose / Objective(s)	Replace the legacy phone system in the St John Hospital
Rational	Existing system is end of life
Is the project time constrained?	No
Planned Fiscal Year Start	17/18

Name	Value
Funding Type	Major Capital
Cost Code (WIP)	58001.85.6618601
Project File Number	N661860001

**SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

Schedule Details

Start Date:	6/1/2015	Baseline Start Date:		Actual Effort To Date(hrs):	22.00	Planned Effort to Date(hrs):	852.00
End Date:	12/1/2017	Baseline End Date:		% Complete:	0 %	Expected % Complete:	75 %
Duration(days):	654	Baseline Duration(days):					

Accomplishments

None for the selected period

Exceptions

None for the selected period

Upcoming Tasks

None for the selected period.

**ISSUES SUMMARY**

New Issues This Period

No new issues for selected period

**STATUS UPDATE SUMMARY**

No new Status update for selected period

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**Project Detail**

Created By : Leah Joseph on Thursday, September 28, 2017  
Report Status as of : 9/25/2017  
Project Activity for : Last Week (Last 7 Days)  
Upcoming Tasks for: Next Week (Next 7 Days)

**PROJECT DETAIL**

**FINANCIAL**

Financial Plan: Initial Financial Plan [Draft/Working Copy]

Year View: Fiscal

	Total 2016	Grand Total
<b>Funding</b>	<b>\$201,000.00</b>	<b>\$201,000.00</b>
Internal Cash	\$120,600.00	\$120,600.00
RHD	\$80,400.00	\$80,400.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$201,000.00</b>	<b>\$201,000.00</b>
Capital	\$201,000.00	\$201,000.00
Computer Hardware	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
Internal Labour	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Project Manager	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00
Travel Expenses	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

# Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District

# Memo

## Board Agenda – November 23, 2017

**To:** Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes, Treasurer  
**Regarding:** Financial Statements – January 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017

Attached are the financial statements for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year to date ending September 30, 2017.

At September 30, 2017 the SNRHD had a surplus of \$1,869,755, resulting primarily from the surplus carried forward from 2016 plus interest earned in the quarter and some of the planned budget items being deferred until 2018 (Ft. St. James Primary Care).

At September 30, 2017 there was \$1.9 million in cash and investments in our operating account and \$2.2 million in capital reserves. There is no debt outstanding at this time.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation: (all/directors/majority)

That the memorandum from the Treasurer, dated November 23, 2017 regarding the September 30, 2017 Financial Statements be received.

**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.  
Income Statement  
As of September 30, 2017**

**Department\* Consolidated Departments**

	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Variance YTD</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
4000	Tax Requisitions	0	1,790,000	1,790,000	0	1,790,000
4010	Transfer from General Fund	0	814,751	0	814,751	0
4050	Grants in Lieu of Taxes	2,221	4,615	7,900	(3,285)	7,900
4100	Interest Income	2,968	18,638	3,750	14,888	5,000
4999	Surplus Carried Forward	0	551,738	551,738	0	551,738
	<b>Revenue total</b>	<b>5,189</b>	<b>3,178,742</b>	<b>2,383,388</b>	<b>826,354</b>	<b>2,354,638</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>					
5026	Global Minor Equipment Grants	0	177,000	178,108	1,108	178,108
5031	Major Project - FSJ Primary Care	0	0	800,000	800,000	800,000
5040	Building Integrity	0	24,000	24,000	0	24,000
5048	Vanderhoof Hospital Anesthetic Ma	0	86,788	130,000	63,232	130,000
5049	VHF & SS Telephone System Upgr	0	0	105,200	105,200	105,200
5061	CHR - Public Health, Reg Chronic	0	77,099	77,099	0	77,099
5062	CHR-Mental Health/HCC/Clinical D	0	29,514	45,548	16,034	45,548
5063	Cardiology Information System	0	0	59,894	59,894	59,894
5064	Medical Imaging/Radiology Echo	0	86,709	73,108	(13,603)	73,108
5085	Health Link North - Camer Upgrad	0	19,053	19,132	79	19,132
5460	Bank charges & interest	3	27	0	(27)	0
5470	Administration & Audit	1,325	11,925	13,500	1,575	18,000
5471	Director's Remuneration & Travel	349	3,141	7,500	4,359	10,000
5600	Transfer to Capital Reserve	0	814,751	814,751	0	814,751
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>1,309,957</b>	<b>2,347,636</b>	<b>1,037,851</b>	<b>2,354,638</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>1,868,785</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>1,864,005</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of September 30, 2017**

**Department\* Consolidated Departments**

<b>Assets</b>		<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Prior Month</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>
1000	Cash & Bank Accounts	7,704	1,825,486	822
1020	Investments & Term Deposits	4,067,414	2,244,448	2,585,470
1021	Investments - BL Hospital Replace	1,631	1,629	1,538
1060	Accts Receivable - Municipal	3,153	3,153	3,153
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$4,079,902</b>	<b>\$4,074,716</b>	<b>\$2,590,983</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
2100	Accounts Payable - General	2,000	2,000	2,000
2150	Due to Regional District	15,068	13,392	14,310
2300	Due to Capital Reserve Fund	814,751	814,751	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$831,817</b>	<b>\$830,143</b>	<b>\$16,310</b>
<b>Net Financial Position</b>		<b>\$3,248,085</b>	<b>\$3,244,573</b>	<b>\$2,574,673</b>

October 23, 2017

Chair Jerry Peterson  
Regional District of Bulkley Nechako  
Box 820, 37 3rd Avenue  
Burns Lake, BC  
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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF  
BULKLEY NECHAKO**

Dear Chair Peterson,

**Re: UBCM Meeting September 26, 2017**

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you at UBCM in Vancouver. We appreciate the time you set aside to meet with us to discuss the areas of concern for the Bulkley Nechako Regional District.

We discussed the replacement of the Fort St James Hospital. As you are aware, Northern Health has submitted a concept plan to the Ministry of Health. In partnership with the Fort St James Primary Care Society, Northern Health has proceeded with a procurement process for leased space for the primary care clinic and community services. Commercial negotiations are currently underway with the owner. We are also anticipating that Northern Health will need to revise the concept plan for the Hospital to include options for both a phased redevelopment approach and the potential for modular development. This work will begin in November 2017 unless otherwise directed by the Ministry of Health.

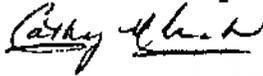
We also discussed access to senior's health care and the gap in assisted living. As you are aware, we are in the progress of updating our projections regarding long term care bed needs across the region. We discussed this further with the executives of the northern Regional Hospital Districts at the October joint session between the RHDs and Northern Health. In addition, we are very supportive of and involved in the work underway in Vanderhoof to develop a prototype senior's housing development.

It was helpful to learn about some of the experiences in your area regarding access to youth and adult mental health services. We agree that access to services and the need to develop the skills and capacity of service providers in providing care to those living with mental health concerns continues to be a critical need. We had opportunity to discuss some of the work underway in the Lakes District area to improve both the quality and access to these services. We understand that Aaron Bond will be providing the municipality with an overview of the services available in the area.

Finally, we discussed the opioid crisis in the province and the initiatives underway in the North to address this important issue. Currently, there is an implementation team in the Northern Interior and work has focused on naloxone access and availability, access to opioid substitution therapy, ensuring reporting of overdose presentations in emergency departments, educating staff and physicians regarding the opioid crisis and undertaking an anti-stigma campaign regarding people living with mental health and substance use challenges.

Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,



Cathy Ulrich  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Health

cc. Colleen Nyce, Chair, Northern Health Board  
Penny Anguish, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Interior  
Mike Hofer, Regional Director Capital Planning & Support Services  
Aaron Bond, Director, Specialized Services Northern Interior  
Marie Hunter, Health Service Administrator, Lakes District  
April Hughes, Health Service Administrator, Omineca District



## North West Regional Hospital District: Directors' Report

**Meeting Date:** Friday, August 18, 2017 at 11:30 am

**Place:** Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, Board Room, Terrace, BC

*The following actions were taken at the August 18, 2017 Regular meeting of the North West Regional Hospital District Board.*

In-Camera Meeting – no new items

Regular Meeting

No Delegations:

Correspondence:

G2. Letter from Linda Lupini, Executive Vice President, PHSA and BCEHS. Senior management will attend the November 24, 2017 NWRHD Meeting.

G3. Memo from Ted Clarke, Vice President of Northern BC Helicopter Emergency Rescue Operations (HEROS). Request for letter of support.

***Motion: That NWRHD write a letter of support for HEROS proposal to the provincial government to establish an Independent Royal Commission to examine all aspects of prehospital care in BC, supported by a universal cost/benefit analysis study. (Director Pages/Director Christiansen)***  
This support will be stated in the NWRHD UBCM information package.

G4. Letter from Ciro Panessa, COO, NHA. Bulkley Valley District Hospital's Mammography Screening Program. A new Mammography machine is going through the procurement process. The old machine has been tested and will continue in operation until the replacement arrives. There have been two meetings of the Breast Health Advisory Committee.

Sup H2. Verbal report from Director Pierre on the Office of the Seniors Advocate British Columbia.

- The results of the residential care survey will be made public September 15, 2017.
- A report of elder abuse is being worked on.
- Complaints about level of care have resulted in a tribunal with Northern Health and the Gitksan.
- There is a rep from each village that is working with NH to improve services.
- The committee has not worked that well so there are plans for changes in September.
- A copy of the Summer 2017 newsletter was included in the agenda.

**Bylaw 102 – NWRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw – Fluoroscopy Room**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Director Cunningham/Director Beldessi

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – Director Layton/Director Ramsey

Adoption – Director Ramsey/Director Layton

**Bylaw 103 – NWRHD Capital Expenditure Bylaw -Mills Memorial Phone System**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Director Lowry/ Director Cunningham

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – Director Christiansen/Director Lowry

Adoption – Director Ramsey/Director Pages

**New Business:**

UBCM Meetings have been requested with RDKS.

MOH, MOF and MOE

**College of Physicians and Surgeons Changes:**

Memo circulated by Director Cunningham. A copy will be attached with this report.

- Doctors that have been working in the region for many years are now being required to write exams or close their practices.
- The exam covers their specialty and GP topics. Many have not worked as GP's for years and would have to study for months for these exams.
- These physicians can work in other parts of the country without having to write these exams. We are at risk of losing northern doctors.
- We need to gather more information to ensure we are asking for the same thing as the Physicians are asking for.
- We need to understand the role of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Provinces role/influence related to these changes.
- What is the College's reasons for asking a Physician that has practiced for 18 years without complaints to now write exams?
- There is a need for common sense and grandfathering of some individuals.
- More information to be provided by Director Cunningham/Director Brain.

***Motion: To gather information from the local physicians and write a letter of support for local doctors, asking the College to reconsider their changes. (Director Cunningham/Director Pages)***

MOE has offered to come in the fall and has requested an October date. Decision made to not call a special meeting in October and to stick to the regular meeting schedule. MOE will be invited to attend in November 2017 or January 2018.

- **Next Meeting: November 24, 2017 Regular Meeting**

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# UBCM 2017

## North West Regional Hospital District

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### NUMBER ONE CAPITAL PRIORITY

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### *Replacement of Mills Memorial Hospital A Trauma Center for the North*

The North West Regional Hospital District looks forward to the replacement of Mills Memorial Hospital. In February 2017, an announcement was made that capital funding was set aside and operating funds were included in long term budgets.

It was encouraging to hear and read that all candidates and parties during the May 2017 election supported this project. Knowing the Concept Plan is completed at the Northern Health level and is awaiting Provincial permission to move into the Business Planning process is a positive step towards modern health care in the North.

### *Northern Service Gap*

The replacement of Terrace's Mills Memorial Hospital is critical to reducing the service gap in the North. This service gap comes from the commonly held attitude that people in the North have chosen to live there and should not expect the same level of health services as urban centers. This needs to be balanced with the fact that it is the rural parts of this Province whose resources and industries produce a significant portion of the Province's wealth.

Reports have been prepared identifying the needs of the North and expressing a high level of concern over the number of individuals that die before they reach the level of care required to stabilize them.<sup>1</sup> The north has been under criticism in the news for many years for having an "absolutely third class ambulance system"<sup>2</sup>.

Despite the best safety programs, increases in industrialization equates to increased risk for industrial type accidents. Hospitals in the region need to prepare for these associated risks. Without the rebuild of Mills Memorial Hospital a Level 3 Trauma Center will be impossible as the existing hospital is not capable of performing the procedures required to be a full Level 3

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<sup>1</sup> A Population-Based Analysis of Injury-Related Deaths and Access to Trauma Care in Rural-Remote Northwest British Columbia Study in 2010, lead by Dr. Richard Simons, Medical Director Trauma Services at Vancouver Coastal Health, The BC Coroners Service 2010 Annual Report.

<sup>2</sup> Vancouver Sun April 7, 2013

Trauma Center. The old building has structural barriers which make renovations as costly as building a new hospital.

The BC Ambulance services only stations air ambulances in communities with a trauma center, as it requires its staff to start and end each shift at a base that provides specialized health services. A Level 3 Trauma Center in the north would open the door for the establishment of an air ambulance base.

In 2017 the BC Forestry Safety Ombudsman report on Helicopter Emergency Medical Services in BC pointed out areas in need of improvement including the need for a Level 3 Trauma Center in the north.

*NWRHD supports Northern BC Helicopter Emergency Operations Society (HEROS) calling for a Royal Commission to examine all aspects of prehospital care in BC, supported by a universal cost/benefit analysis study. Both improvements to prehospital care along with higher levels of hospital care are needed in the Northwest.*

We must be diligent to ensure that the replacement of Mills Memorial does not come at the cost of services to other parts of our region. Distances between communities means services must be available at multiple facilities. The addition of a CT Scan at the Bulkley Valley District Hospital is a welcomed upgrade in service.

## ***Financial Information***

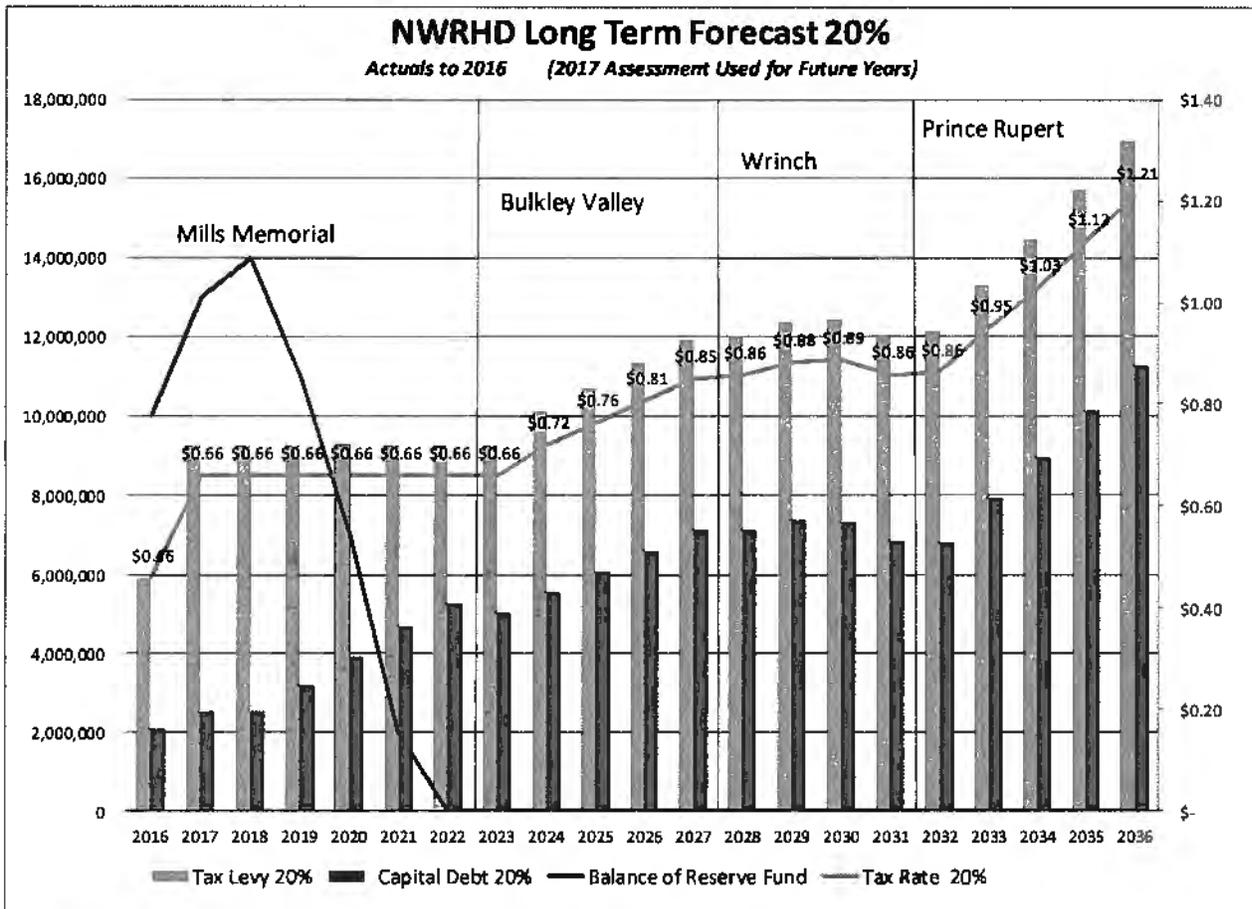
The NWRHD Board has been very clear in its commitment to fund twenty percent of the Mills Memorial Replacement with the regional property tax levy. This project will require NWRHD to take on a significant amount of long term debt and raise property taxes. As a sign of this pledge NWRHD raised property taxes 48% in 2017 to ensure that it will be able to follow through with this commitment.

The 2017 tax levy increase has positioned NWRHD to increase reserve contributions and reduce long term borrowing costs on future projects. The total capital debt at the end of 2017 will be \$23.2 million and will rise to \$66.8 million at the completion of Mills Memorial. This will mean a 227% increase in debt payments.

North West residents understand that these projects are essential to the North but as cost estimates rise for this project so does concerns about the ability to pay, especially from smaller more remote communities who will still have significant commutes to received health care in Terrace yet will pay the same rates. We cannot lose sight of the fact that there are four hospitals to replace.

## Long Term Forecast

NWRHD long term financial planning includes consideration for replacing Mills Memorial, Bulkley Valley District Hospital, Wrinch Memorial and the Prince Rupert Regional Hospital. As part of the long-term planning process a twenty-year forecast was prepared showing the impact of changing the capital contribution at 5% intervals. This exercise left the board discouraged and feeling that even the original 20% contribution was a huge ask of northern residents.



**The NWRHD asks that the Province confirm that the Provincial Budget and Financial Plan included the NWRHD contributing 20% to the replacement of Mills Memorial or arrange a meeting to discuss the Provinces expectations.**

## ***Need to Update the Hospital District Act***

Currently the Hospital District Act and Hospital District Regulation are outdated, listing regional hospital districts that no longer exist and includes rates that do not reflect today's reality. The North West Regional Hospital District is not even listed. The Act does not address questions related to the funding formula. It is time for a major revision.

A major issue for all Regional Hospital Districts is the unwritten contribution expectation. RHDs have historically been expected to follow a standard, not clearly defined by principles or based on a formula to provide equitable solutions. There is a need for the Province to create a framework for all Regional Hospital District to operate from.

The standard expectation for RHDs to fund forty percent is known but is becoming increasingly unrealistic for areas with smaller population bases. The Province, through the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities, has a responsibility to provide quality health care to all BC residents. The Ministry of Health Cost-Sharing Review 2003 states, "the health authorities must be unfettered by cost sharing requirements in their ability to provide health care services regardless of the fiscal capacity of the region". How is this statement reconciled with the standard blanket expectation of 40% contributions by regional hospital districts, especially as hospital replacements are running in the hundreds of millions of dollars?

***The NWRHD asks that the Ministry of Health update the current Hospital District Act to reflect the recommendations of the 2003 Cost Share Review and provide opportunity for all Regional Hospital Districts to participate in the process.***

### ***NWRHD and Who We Represent:***

- Largest Hospital District Geographically
- Same boundaries as the entire Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) and North Coast Regional Regional District (NCRD), and the western portion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN).
- 28-member elected Board of Directors
- 25 municipalities and electoral areas, including the Nisga'a Nation.
- Population approximately 80,000
- Varied Population of workers, children and seniors, as well as a large transient workforce.
- Supports two Health Authority and 20 facilities, more facilities than any other RHD.



Dr. Samuel Alfred Smith, Orthopedic Surgeon

- Commenced as an Orthopedic Surgeon Prince Rupert Regional Hospital on April 1, 1999
- Dr. Smith was granted temporary registration for the practice of medicine restrict to Orthopaedic Surgery in Prince Rupert and the surrounding area.
- During the first year Dr. Smith was to take and pass the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (M.C.C.E. E.) to have his registration extended beyond one year. This exam was done and passed within the first year.
- Dr. Smith also had to take and pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part I and Part II to become a Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada. These exams were done and passed.
- In 2010 Dr. Smith wrote and successfully passed the Royal College of Physician & Surgeons of Canada Principles of Surgery examination.
- Dr. Smith was told by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC at the time of his registration that he would not need to write the Orthopedic Specialty exam. – Now after 18 years of service in Northern BC he is being asked to write the specialty exam by April 2018 and if he does not write and pass the exam he will have 90 days after that date to close his practice.
- Dr. Smith is an exceptional Orthopedic Surgeon from the point of view of his technical expertise and his conscientious update of his skills even though he is practicing in a rural area and has an extremely high clinical load.
- He attends numerous amounts of Continuing Medical Education in Canada and the United States. He has been asked to speak at nation meetings and conferences especially in regards to his knowledge of ankle and foot surgery.
- Dr. Smith has and continues to deliver an invaluable service to the patients of the Prince Rupert and surrounding areas and it is a privilege to have him here in the community. He is extremely competent and a dedicated surgeon who takes pride in his daily work.
- He is a leader in medico legal issues and very approachable to help when a matter arises.
- The medical and anaesthesia staff at Prince Rupert Regional Hospital has a very high opinion of his technical expertise and he is always involved in assessing and trying to improve outcomes.
- He is always willing to share his knowledge and has an idealistic and caring attitude.
- He has a thoughtful and knowledgeable attitude towards resource allocation and the appropriate choice of investigations so as to reach a diagnosis without unnecessary pain and inconvenience.
- Dr. Smith plans on retiring in 5 years and having him forced to write the exams after 18 years of services should be reconsidered by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC

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## NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release  
October 19, 2017

### **New board member, medical health officer: NH board meeting highlights**

At the latest regular board meeting in Prince George, the Northern Health board of directors expressed thanks to staff and Northern Health partners for their dedication and compassion for evacuees from this summer's wildfire emergency.

Northern Health staff and physicians provided care for inpatients, long term care and assisted living residents, renal, maternity, and palliative care patients. Together with its physician partners, NH also provided primary care and community services for the evacuees who came to Quesnel and Prince George over the course of the summer.

"We are very grateful to our staff, physicians and community partners in Prince George and Quesnel for their support in this unprecedented response," said Colleen Nyce, Northern Health Board Chair. "Over the coming weeks, Northern Health will be reviewing the response to identify what went well, and where we might improve our emergency response plans and processes for the future."

The October meeting was the first for Nyce as chairperson since her appointment to the role in September, after serving as interim chair since the retirement of Dr. Charles Jago at the end of June. The board also welcomed its newest member, Frank Everitt, who was also appointed in September 2017.

"I am excited to participate on the board for an organization that is important to the health and well-being of all Northerners," said Everitt. "I look forward to the learning and the work that is ahead for me and my fellow board members."

Other highlights from the October 2017 meeting:

The latest Human Resources update to the Board shows that mental health continues to be one of the top reason for long term disability claims, along with musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders. Awareness of mental health and proactive self-care continues to be a focus for the organization as Northern Health Workplace Health & Safety continues to develop resources for staff and physicians

aimed at removing stigma around mental health within the organization and fostering a psychological healthy and safe workplace.

The board welcomed Northern Health's newest Medical Health Officer, Dr. Jong Kim. Dr. Kim studied medicine at Queen's University, and completed his Masters of Science in Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. He started in the role of MHO for the Northeast health service delivery area in August 2017, joining Dr. Raina Fumerton in the Northwest, and Dr. Andrew Gray in the Northern Interior.

"Northern Health is very happy and fortunate to have this team of highly-skilled Public Health and Preventive Medicine specialists," said Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Sandra Allison. "Our regional Medical Health Officers are very engaged with NH senior leadership and community leaders to effect change in local communities, and improve the overall health of Northerners."

The meeting concluded with a presentation from the United Way of Northern BC that shared the impact they have across the region as well as exploring ways for the United Way and Northern Health to partner on community services and initiatives in the future.

The next Northern Health board meeting will be held December 3 & 4, 2017 in Prince George.

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