

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Eileen Benedict – arrived at 10:20 a.m.
Tom Greenaway
John Illes
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Alternate Director Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

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

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – arrived at 10:32 a.m.

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

AGENDA Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2016-9-1 “That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of December 15, 2016 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – November 24, 2016 Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

SNRHD.2016-9-2 “That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of November 24, 2016 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

REPORTS

Draft 2017 Provisional Budget

Roxanne Shepherd, Treasurer provided an overview of the December 6, 2016 memo titled “Draft 2017 Provisional Budget.” Staff will contact Northern Health to determine what a “Clinical Information Systems – Medical Imaging/Radiology Echo PACS” is and will provide the information at a future SNRHD meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the Fort St. James Primary Care Facility and the proposed building being leased not owned by Northern Health. Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer noted that Northern Health has requested proposals for the costs associated with renovating an existing building or

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building a new facility to meet the requirements for a primary care facility. Northern Health's intent is to have a five year lease with the option to renew for an additional five years depending on the proposed building of a new Stuart Lake Hospital.

The proposed \$1-\$2 million cost for the lease hold improvements are to meet Northern Health requirements for a primary care facility. Northern Health has asked the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District to contribute 40% or \$400,000-\$800,000 for the lease hold improvements. Discussion took place regarding the possible percentage that will be required by the SNRHD to contribute to a primary care facility and a future new hospital for Fort St. James.

Questions were brought forward in regard to options moving forward if a primary care facility is not built. Director Greenaway spoke to the diligent work being completed by the Fort St. James Primary Care Society that is trying to find a solution to the current inadequate working conditions for the six doctors and support staff that are practicing in the community of Fort St. James. He spoke to the critical need for a new facility for physicians and staff to practice primary care.

Director Thiessen brought forward concerns in regard to the proposed building for the Primary Care Facility not being owned by Northern Health and not being in the same location as the proposed future location for a new hospital.

Draft 2017 Provisional Budget Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2016-9-3

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer's December 6, 2016 memo titled "Draft 2017 Provisional Budget" and approve the 2017 Provisional Budget."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the SNRHD's contribution percentage and funding considerations in regard to the Fort St. James Primary Care Facility. Ms. Shepherd will bring forward the information in the SNRHD Long Term budget in January, 2017.

The need for a delegation to meet with Northern Health in regard to the build and/or renovation of a primary care facility that will meet the needs of the Fort St. James physicians and community was discussed. Staff will contact Northern Health to schedule a meeting with Chair Petersen, and Directors Greenaway and MacDougall to discuss the needs and requirements of a primary care facility.

Air Quality Issues

Director Thiessen spoke to the air quality issues in Vanderhoof and throughout the region and the need for Northern Health to address air quality. Director Miller mentioned that he has received a call from a resident in Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) in regard to the use of an outdoor woodstove. He mentioned that he has spoken with staff to follow up with Northern Health in regard to the issue.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2016-9-4

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Health Re: UBCM Meeting September 27, 2016 Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Illes

SNRHD.2016-9-5 "That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Northern Health Re: UBCM Meeting September 27, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2016-9-6 "That the meeting be adjourned at 10:34 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant