

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2016

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Eileen Benedict
John Illes
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Alternate Bob Hughes, Electoral "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Directors 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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD.2016-8-1

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of November 24, 2016 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – September 22, 2016

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

SNRHD.2016-8-2

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of September 22, 2016 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Meeting with Northern Health
October 17, 2016

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

SNRHD.2016-8-3

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer's November 15, 2016 memo titled "Meeting with Northern Health October 17, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northern Health Capital
Spending Reports
September 30, 2016

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Illes

SNRHD.2016-8-4

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer’s November 15, 2016 memo titled “Northern Health Capital Spending Reports, September 30, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Statements
September 30, 2016

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

SNRHD.2016-8-5

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer’s November 14, 2016 memo titled “Financial Statements - September 30, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Benedict

SNRHD.2016-8-6

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

-Ministry of Health – SNRHD Request for *Hospital District Act* to Reflect Recommendations from the 2003 Ministry of Health Review;

- Northern Health:

- NH Board & Regional Hospital District Planning Session;
- Northern Health One Step Closer to Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Services in Terrace and Fort St. John;
- Access to Health Services Across the Regions Highlighted at Northern Health Board Meeting;
- Notice of Public Meeting – Northern Health Board Meeting – December 6, 2016;
- Media Advisory – Countdown Event at Haida Gwaii Hospital and Health Centre.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Pharmacy and Community
Paramedic for Granisle

Alternate Director McGuire reported that Granisle has a Community Paramedic as part of the Province of B.C.’s Community Paramedicine program. The Village of Granisle has provided a furnished home for the individual and they will be in the community a minimum of three years. The service will augment BC Ambulance.

Alternate Director McGuire also mentioned that a property in Granisle has been recently purchased with the intent of building a Pharmacy for the community.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Fraser Lake Losing a Doctor

Director Lindstrom commented that the Village of Fraser Lake is losing one of its rotating doctors on December 31, 2016. Northern Health has indicated they are working to replace the doctor that is leaving.

Challenges to Find an Ultrasound Technician for Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen noted that St. John's Hospital in Vanderhoof is struggling to find an Ultrasound Technician. There is a shortage across Canada and the District of Vanderhoof is looking for suggestions in regard to recruitment strategies. Director Thiessen mentioned that one of the key issues is that ultrasound technicians do not have training opportunities in northern B.C.

Primary Care Facility for Fort St. James

Director MacDougall mentioned that Fort St. James is completing a letter campaign to lobby for a primary care facility in Fort St. James. A meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2016 with Penny Anguish, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Interior, Northern Health and other representatives from Northern Health.

Northern Health has issued a tender process for a temporary primary health care facility for Fort St. James to meet the current critical needs of the community, its physicians and medical support staff.

Mills Memorial Hospital -Terrace, B.C.

Director MacDougall commented that Mills Memorial Hospital in Terrace, B.C. has received approval from the Province of B.C. to proceed with developing a business case. This is a first step toward either an extensive renovation or a new structure to replace the facility.

Air Ambulance Providers Landing at Community Airports

Director Miller spoke of attending the Burns Lake Airport Society's Annual General Meeting and discussion took place regarding the two Air Ambulance service providers that utilize the Burns Lake Airport. He noted that one of the service providers will not land if the runway has any sign of snow. Director Miller voiced concerns in regard to the inconsistency between service providers. He noted the pressures that are imposed on BC Ambulance and patients in having to transport patients via roadway if the Air Ambulance service will not land. Director Thiessen commented that Vanderhoof has had similar experiences.

Discussion took place regarding Air Ambulance service provider's policies and having Air Ambulance attend a future SNRHD meeting to provide information as to their criteria and policies for landing. Staff will invite Air Ambulance to a future SNRHD meeting.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lindstrom
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD.2016-8-7

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

UBC Rural Health Chair

Director Parker mentioned that on November 15, 2016 the University of British Columbia (UBC) appointed Dr. Dave Snadden to be the founding Rural Doctors' UBC Chair in Rural Health. The new position is dedicated to improving rural health care. Director Parker suggested that an invitation be extended to Dr. Snadden to attend a future SNRHD meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Director Thiessen Meeting
with Auditor of Healthcare
in the North

Director Thiessen mentioned that he has a meeting scheduled next week with the Auditor of Healthcare in the North to discuss issues facing his community. Director Thiessen also brought forward concerns in regard to hospital privileges having the potential to be removed if a certain number are not performed in a year. He will provide a report at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD.2016-8-8

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:29 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant