

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 12, 2026**

Directors Present: Chair Judy Greenaway  
Martin Elphee  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Kevin Moutray  
Mark Parker  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarraah Storey - via Zoom  
Henry Wiebe  
Alex Kulchar, Alternate Director, Electoral Area F  
(Vanderhoof Rural)

Director Absent: Shirley Moon, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof)

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Secretary  
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary  
John Illes, Treasurer  
Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary  
Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services - via  
Zoom - arrived at 10:24 a.m.

Others: Natasha Westover, Director of Community  
Relations, Western LNG - via Zoom - arrived at  
10:15 a.m.  
Heather Taylor, Senior Manager of Social  
Performance, Western LNG - via Zoom - arrived at  
10:15 a.m.

Media - Merewyn Comeau - LD News - arrived at  
10:26 a.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

**March 12, 2026**

**2026-SNRHD-036**

Moved by Alternate Director Kulchar

Seconded by Director Parker

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda for March 12, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **MINUTES**

**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2026**

**2026-SNRHD-037**

Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORT**

**John Illes, Treasurer - Budget Bylaw 2026**

**2026-SNRHD-038**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Lambert

That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 96, 2026 be given third reading as amended and adoption this 12th day of March, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Southside of Francois Lake Helipad
  - Cost of the helipad
  - Number of helicopter extractions for the Southside of Francois Lake
  - Fundraising and Industrial partners
  - Transport Canada Helipad requirements
  - Completing the project and possible funding delays
  - Northern Health's request to move forward with the project
    - Director Lambert initiated the conversation
  - BC Ambulance has been contacted by Northern Health, however no funding commitment has been provided
  - Currently no tax implications in the 2026 Budget
  - RBA funds are a possible funding source
  - Approaching First Nations Communities for support
  - A phrased approach was discussed to allow funding over a number of years
  - Staff will contact Northern Health regarding the costs for the project and options for a phased approach
- Funding for the future Vanderhoof Hospital
  - Sustainable funding.

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### District of Vanderhoof - Director Moutray

- Closing of the bids for the new Vanderhoof Primary Care Facility has been extended to March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Spoke with Megan Hunter, Health Services Administrator, Omineca, Northern Health regarding purchasing equipment for facilities
  - Suggested a CT Scanner would be beneficial and follow with consideration of an MRI
  - Recruitment for Anesthesiologist has not progressed
    - Lack of applicants
    - Consider as a region how to move forward recruitment and lobby the Minister of Health to incentives having anesthesiologist in Vanderhoof.

### Village of Fraser Lake - Director Storey

- Anesthesiologist in Vanderhoof
  - Reached out to Dr. John Pawlovich, Rural Coordination Centre of BC for assistance recruiting an anesthesiologist in Vanderhoof

- Dr. Pawlovich is a strong advocate for establishing the Drone transport pilot project initiative in Fraser Lake to carry prototype packages between the Village of Fraser Lake and Stellat'en First Nation
- Spoke to the reliance on the hospital in Vanderhoof and impacts to the hospital in Prince George if service levels are not maintained in Vanderhoof
- Pharmacist leaving the Village of Fraser Lake in the near future
  - Challenges recruiting
  - Signing bonus and housing are available
  - Hourly rate of \$75
  - Brought forward concerns to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health and Dr. Pawlovich.

**RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2026-SNRHD-039**

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary