

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**MEETING (VIRTUAL) MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021**

PRESENT: Chair Jerry Petersen

Directors Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Mark Parker  
Bob Motion  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Gerry Thiessen  
Sarrah Storey

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
John Illes, Treasurer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Michael Higgins, General Manager of Community Services, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George – arrived at 9:53 a.m.  
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa – arrived at 9:43 a.m.  
Chris Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**ELECTIONS**

**Chairperson**

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2021.

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director McGuire

**SNRHD.2021-1-1**

“That Director Petersen be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2021.”

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Anderson declared Director Petersen, Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2021 by acclamation.

**Acting Chairperson**

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2021.

## **ELECTIONS (CONT'D)**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

### **SNRHD.2021-1-2**

“That Director Greenaway be nominated for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2021.

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for Acting Chairperson a second time.

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for Acting Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Anderson declared Director Greenaway as Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2021 by acclamation.

Chair Petersen took the chair.

## **AGENDA**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director McGuire

### **SNRHD.2021-1-3**

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of January 28, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

### **Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2020**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

### **SNRHD.2021-1-4**

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of August 13, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS**

### **Financial Statements for 2020 and Budget 2021**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director McGuire

### **SNRHD.2021-1-5**

“That the Board receive the Treasurer’s Financial Statements for 2020 and Budget for 2021 memorandum.

“That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 79, 2021 be given first and second reading this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## VERBAL REPORTS

### Health Centre – Village of Granisle

Director McGurie mentioned that the Health Centre in Granisle will be moving to its new location at the Babine Elementary-Secondary School once construction is complete. The move is expected to take place at the end of March 2021.

### Village of Fraser Lake Meeting with Health Services Administrator James Simpson, Northern Health

Director Storey reported that she is meeting with James Simpson, Health Services Administrator, Northern Health on January 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing the Fraser Lake Community Health Centre review and retention of nurse practitioners.

### Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School

Director Storey spoke of Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School and mental health concerns. She spoke of the waitlist to schedule appointments with mental health professionals. School District 91 Nechako Lakes is investigating the potential to utilize resources in Vanderhoof to host virtual sessions.

### NCLGA Health Committee Survey

Director Storey noted that the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Health Committee will be releasing a survey for its members in the near future in regard to health issues.

### UNBC/UBC Study on Rural Health

Director Storey participated in an interview in regard to a study on Rural Health being conducted by University of Northern B.C. (UNBC) and University of British Columbia (UBC).

### Communication with Northern Health

Director Funk mentioned that she has had a number of calls with the Lakes Health Services Administrator in regard to COVID-19 pandemic. She also noted the challenges associated with the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and communication.

Director Thiessen commented that he had discussions with Cathy Ulrich, President/CEO, and Colleen Nyce, Board Chair, Northern Health in regard to developing a plan to engage local government.

### Bell Let's Talk Day 2021

Director Thiessen spoke of the roll out today of Bell Let's Talk Day to raise money for mental health issues in Canada. He also noted the opioid and mental health struggles within the region. Director Thiessen also referenced the mental health impacts of COVID-19 and an article written by Emile Scheffel, *Politics has a Mental Health Problem What are we going to do about it?*

### Northern Health and Hospital District Planning Meeting

Chair Petersen and Acting Chair Tom Greenaway attended the Northern Health and Hospital District Planning meeting. Northern Health provided an overview of its plans for 2021. He spoke of communities having similar issues and the challenges of funding projects. Chair Petersen mentioned the hard work being done by Northern Health.

Director Greenaway mentioned that Northern Health spoke of the completion of an engineering report in regard to the Stuart Nechako Manor. Chair Petersen will follow up with Northern Health to determine the status of the report.

### Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

### SNRHD.2021-1-6

"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2021-1-7

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant