

## **STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025**

PRESENT:	Chair	Judy Greenaway
	Directors	Martin Elphee – arrived at 3:55 p.m. Clint Lambert – arrived at 3:59 p.m. Linda McGuire Shirley Moon – via Zoom Kevin Moutray Mark Parker Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey Henry Wiebe
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary John Illes, Treasurer Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Clerk
	Other	Stoney Stoltenberg, Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) – left at 3:56 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary Helgesen called the meeting to order 3:53 p.m.

### **ELECTIONS**

#### Chairperson

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2025.

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

#### SNRHD.2025-1-1

“That Director Greenaway be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2025.”

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

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

There being no further nominations, Secretary Helgesen declared Director Greenaway, Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2025 by acclamation.

### Acting Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2025.

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Parker

### SNRHD.2025-1-2

"That Director Riis-Christiaan be nominated for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2025."

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for Acting Chairperson a second time.

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for Acting Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, Secretary Helgesen declared Director Riis-Christianson as Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2025 by acclamation.

Chair Greenaway took the chair.

## **AGENDA**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

### SNRHD.2025-1-3

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of January 23, 2025 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **MINUTES**

### Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2024

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Moutray

### SNRHD.2025-1-4

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of November 7, 2024 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS**

### Financial Statements December 31, 2024

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2025-1-5

"That the Board receive the Treasurer's Financial Statements December 31, 2024 memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Letter to Minister Osborne Re: Invitation to meet with Regional Hospital Districts Within Northern Health

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2025-1-6

"That the Board approve sending the letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health regarding an Invitation to meet with Regional Hospital Districts within Northern Health."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### Electoral Area E (Francois/ Ootsa Lake Rural) – Update

Director Lambert commented that:

- Work continues to secure a helipad for the southside of Francois Lake
- Full-time employment coverage at the BC Ambulance Station on the Southside is challenging and Director Lambert has a meeting scheduled February 11<sup>th</sup> with the Station Chief and staff.

### District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee provided the following update:

- January 7<sup>th</sup> a flood occurred at the old Fort St. James Hospital and within 6 hours emergency responders had the event cleaned up
- January 14<sup>th</sup> patients were moved from the old hospital to the new Fort St. James Hospital
- January 20<sup>th</sup> Primary Care opened at the new Hospital
- The New Hospital in Fort St James was completed on time and on budget and is a welcome addition to the community.

### Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Update

Director Moon attended meetings with Northern Health regarding the Primary Care Facility in Vanderhoof. Northern Health has asked that in March/April 2025 representatives provide public education to the community regarding primary care for the summer of 2025.

### District of Fraser Lake -Update

Director Storey mentioned:

- Progress for a helipad in Fraser Lake
- Will be attending Primary Care meetings in Vanderhoof February 5 and 6.

## **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

District of Granisle – Update Director McGuire provided an update regarding:

- The Granisle BC Ambulance Unit Chief and partner, who also worked for BC Ambulance recently transferred from the community
  - o BC Ambulance in Granisle is experiencing capacity issues
  - o Requested a meeting with BC Emergency Health Services to discuss the issue and recruitment
- Fire Exit at the Granisle Community Health Centre
  - o Thanked RDBN Building Inspector for visiting the Centre
- Granisle Community Health Centre requires a secondary exit to address employee safety in regard to mental health patient care.

Village of Burns Lake – Update Director Wiebe commented that he will be providing a tour of Burns Lake to a new doctor arriving in the community on February 3, 2025.

Chair Greenaway, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James) Chair Greenaway mentioned that dedicated volunteers are providing way finding service at the new Fort St. James Hospital.

Chair Greenaway noted that Greg Marr, Senior Operating Officer, Northern Health is moving to a new position outside Northern Health and the position will be temporarily filled until it will be permanently filled in March 2025.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2025-1-7 “That the verbal reports of the various Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Moutray  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

SNRHD.2025-1-8 “That the meeting be adjourned at 4:09 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

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Wendy Wainwright, Confidential Secretary