

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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**

PRESENT: Chair Judy Greenaway

Directors Martin Elphee  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Shirley Moon  
Kevin Moutray  
Mark Parker  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarrah Storey  
Henry Wiebe

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary  
John Illes, Treasurer

Others Lana Pestaluky, Healthy Communities Lead (Northwest), Population and Public Health Observatory, Northern Health – left at 10:26 a.m.  
Jeff Kormos, Lead, Healthy Communities (Northern Interior), Population and Public Health Observatory – left at 10:26 a.m.  
Aman Parhar, Rio Tinto

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **AGENDA**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Moutray

SNRHD.2025-6-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of March 27, 2025 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **MINUTES**

Stuart-Nechako Regional  
Hospital District Meeting  
Minutes – March 27, 2025

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2025-6-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of March 27, 2025 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **NORTHERN HEALTH**

#### **Lana Pestaluky, Healthy Communities Lead (Northwest), Population and Public Health Observatory and Jeff Kormos, Lead, Healthy Communities (Northern Interior), Population and Public Health Observatory – re: Northern Health’s Healthy Communities Program: Overview and Opportunities to Collaborate**

Ms. Pestaluky provided an overview of the leadership structure and advised that she and Mr. Kormos are part of the Observatory Team.

Why public health?

- Very different than health care service
- Public health aims to keep people well – unprecedented shortages
- Keep people well in their homes and communities, reducing the need for healthcare services.

What makes a healthy community?

- Have access to the resources and opportunities that support their basic needs
- Can reach their full potential
- Consider resiliency, sustainability, and future generations in their decision making
- Embrace diversity and foster a sense of belonging
- Work together to improve life for everyone
- About 75% of factors that impact health fall outside of health care.

What does the Healthy Communities team do?

- Listen, facilitate and connect
- Community centered, committed to reconciliation, and collaborative
- Distribute the Healthy Communities E-Brief
- Visit communities to discuss community health priorities, community health data needs, granting opportunities, etc
- Planning visits to communities in spring/summer 2025.

What can we do for you?

- Co-create healthy public policy
- Facilitate conversations, ideas, and connections
- Connect you to granting opportunities
- Provide access to resources, including various Population & Public Health programs
- Collaborate on identified priorities.

Key Messages

- local governments play a vital role in community health
- Northern Health Population & Public Health is here to collaborate
- Public policy and Health Evidence
- Attending Healthy Communities Forum (NCLGA).

Discussion took place regarding public health checks, games, and activities and the different partners working together to provide these services.

## **REPORTS**

Round Table Invite for  
April 14, 2025

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2025-6-3

"That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District will provide travel expenses and a half day per diem for any Director that wishes to attend the Northern Health Round Table in Vanderhoof on April 14<sup>th</sup>."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SNRHD Capital Expenditure  
Bylaw No. 94, 2025

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Elphee

SNRHD.2025-6-4

"That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 94, 2025 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025."

(All/Directors/Weighted)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

Village of Burns Lake

Director Wiebe reported that Burns Lake welcomed two new doctors. He added that ER closures have remained an issue.

Village of Granisle

Director McGuire indicated that she had requested the statistics for ER closures in the hospital district for the upcoming Northern Health Roundtable meeting in Vanderhoof.

Village of Fraser Lake

Director Storey attended a meeting organized by Lillooet regarding ER closures. She added that she will be attending a UBCM advocacy meeting with Minister Osborne on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Director Storey added that recruitment and retention strategies are important.

District of Vanderhoof

Director Moutray expressed the importance of keeping the ER closures on the forefront and keeping pressure on the Minister of Health, while recognizing that the issue is international.

District of Fort St. James

Chair Greenaway advised that she met with 3 Ministers and 1 MLA at UBCM Advocacy Days with a focus on health. She also spoke about the ER closures and the high taxation rate of the SNRHD. She added that two new doctors are coming to Fort St. James and have entered into 3-month contracts.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

SNRHD.2025-6-5

"That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Northern Health

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2025-6-6

"That the Board send a letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, requesting a timeline for the review of Northern Health, and further that the review be expedited due to the number of emergency room closures in the hospital district."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2025-6-7

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:41 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

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Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary