

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 23, 2025**

Directors Present: Chair Judy Greenaway
Martin Elphee
Linda McGuire - arrived at 10:22 a.m.
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Mark Parker
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarah Storey
Henry Wiebe

Directors Absent: Clint Lambert, Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa
Lake Rural)

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Secretary
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary
John Illes, Treasurer
Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary

Others: Jake Wray, Lakes District News - via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- October 23, 2025

2025-SNRHD-014

Moved by Director Moutray

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Agenda of October 23, 2025 be approved; and that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2025

2025-SNRHD-015

Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

John Illes, Treasurer - Vanderhoof Primary Care Capital Grant Increase

2025-SNRHD-016

Moved by Director Moutray

Seconded by Director Elphee

That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 95 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 23rd day of October 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Next steps
- SNRHD to form a small group including District of Vanderhoof and Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) to advocate the Minister of Infrastructure regarding the Vanderhoof Primary Care Facility.

2025-SNRHD-017

Moved by Director Wiebe

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Board approve Chair Greenaway, Directors Moutray, Moon and staff to meet with the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure to advocate for a decision to build the Vanderhoof Primary Care Facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Treasurer - Quarterly Financial Statements

2025-SNRHD-018

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Statements memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Curtis Helgesen, Secretary - Hospital District Act Reform - MOU

2025-SNRHD-019

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Parker

That the Board receive the Secretary's Hospital District Act Reform - MOU memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Corcan Meadowood Residents Association Letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health

2025-SNRHD-020

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the Board receive the Correspondence from the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association regarding a letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

John Illes, Treasurer - Northern Health and Hospital District Annual Meeting

2025-SNRHD-021

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board receive the Treasurer's Northern Health and Hospital District Annual Meeting memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Village of Burns Lake - Director Wiebe

- One new physician is expected to arrive in the community fall 2025 and two new physicians in fall of 2026.

Village of Fraser Lake - Director Storey

- Attended the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium October 15, 2025 in Prince George
 - Great session
 - Discussed with Village of Fraser Lake staff supports available for staff and Elected Officials
 - Pros and cons of involuntary care
 - Age Friendly Action Plans
 - Third space
 - First space - one's home
 - Second space- one's place of work
 - Third space - one's social environment and where one can make connections
 - Using BC 211 to find resources in community
 - Rural and remote strategies for mental and psychological health
- Chair of UBCM's Health and Social Development Committee.

District of Fort St. James - Director Elphee

- Following UBCM Chair Greenaway and Director Elphee met with Ciro Panessa, President and CEO, Megan Hunter, Health Services Administrator, Omineca and Doctor Shannon Douglas, Northern Health regarding the interior of Northern Health having only one recruiter
- Three physician contracts in Fort St. James expire March 31, 2026
- Chair Greenaway and Director Elphee, along with a member of the Primary Care Team met with Nak'azdli Whut'en to work together regarding emergency room closures in Fort St. James
- Nats'oojeh (Fort St. James) Hospital and Health Centre driveway paving is complete with some landscaping still to be completed.

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) - Director Riis-Christianson

- Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre was closed again on the night of October 22nd
- Attended the Regional Health Authority Fall Meeting in Prince George

Village of Granisle - Director McGuire

- Granisle Health Clinic emergency door will potentially be completed by Christmas 2025
- Met with Lisa Puglas, Health Services Administrator, Lakes, Northern Health
 - A third Nurse Practitioner will start to visit the community at the end of October 2025
 - Two new doctors will be arriving in Burns Lake in fall of 2026 which will hopefully see physician visits return to Granisle.

Chair's Update - Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) - Chair Greenaway

- Attended the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium October 15, 2025 in Prince George
- Met with Lisa Puglas, Health Services Administrator, Lakes, Northern Health and discussed physician recruitment and will set up a meeting in Fort St. James to work on further
- There have been 50 emergency room closures in Fort St. James since January, 2025
 - an entire weekend closure counts as one closure
- First Nations communities are also recognizing challenges

- First Nations Primary Health Care, scheduled to open soon, is also looking for physicians and health care professionals
- Discussed with Northern Health the helicopter pad at Nats'oojeh Hospital in Fort St. James and the expectation is it will be operational by end of 2025.

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Verbal Reports of the various Directors be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Wiebe

Seconded by Director Storey

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services