

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 29, 2026

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

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

Others: Shane Brienen, District of Houston - left at 10:06
a.m., returned at 10:12 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Curtis Helgesen, Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2026.

2026-SNRHD-022

Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That Director Greenaway be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for 2026.

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, Secretary Helgesen declared Director Greenaway Chairperson for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2026 by acclamation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

Secretary Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2026.

2026-SNRHD-023

Moved by Greenaway

Seconded by Director Parker

That Director Riis-Christianson be nominated for the position of Acting Chairperson of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for 2026.

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, Acting Chairperson for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year 2026 by acclamation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Greenaway took the chair.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

January 29, 2026

2026-SNRHD-024

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda for January 29, 2026 be approved; and that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2025

2026-SNRHD-025

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

John Illes, Treasurer - Hospital District Audit

2026-SNRHD-026

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board receive the Treasurer's Hospital District Audit memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Treasurer - 2026 Financial Results and 2026 Budget Direction

2026-SNRHD-027

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the financial results for 2026 be received and that the Board direct staff to prepare a budget bylaw with a requisition of \$7.0 million.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Curtis Helgesen, Secretary -Hospital District Act Reform - MOU - 2nd Draft

2026-SNRHD-028

Moved by Director Moutray

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Board approve the *Hospital District Act* Reform Memorandum of Understanding as amended; and further, that the Chair be authorized to sign the MOU.
Secretary Helgesen spoke of:

- Feedback from Regional Hospital Districts
 - Appendix A - Commitments of the Parties - use of "consensus (majority vote)" in the same bullet
- Amending the second bullet and fourth bullet.

Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director Lambert

That Appendix A - Commitments of the Parties bullet 2 and 4 be amended removing "(majority vote)" and read as follows:

Bullet 2:

- making decisions based on group consensus, including in the event of a tie vote by adjusting the proposed decision until consensus is reached.

Bullet 4:

- draw funding based on group consensus with an equitable apportionment between the signatories.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That the question be called on Motion 2026-SNRHD-028 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Village of Burns Lake - Director Wiebe

- Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre emergency room closures continue to occur
- Meeting scheduled with Northern Health.

Village of Granisle - Director McGuire

- Met with Northern Health last week
 - Advised orientation of a nurse is taking place and they will start coming to the

community Monday to Friday on February 6

- Emergency door - installed and awaiting finalization.

Fort St. James - Director Elphee

- Numerous emergency room closures at Nats'oojeh Hospital and Health Centre in Fort St. James through Christmas holiday
- Job posting for a Recruitment Coordinator closed January 26th
 - Conduct interviews over the next few days
- Working with Northern Health on a recruitment video for Fort St. James
- Utilizing existing footage of the area to use for a recruitment fair in Quebec in April.

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

- Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre closures during the holiday season
- Pleased to see Northern Health has created a website for the current status of emergency room closures.

Chair/Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Chair Greenaway

- Nats'oojeh Hospital and Health Centre was without a physician in its emergency room for 135 hours over the Christmas holiday
- Spoke to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health
- Challenges across the region
- Continue to work on the issue.

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

John Illes, Treasurer - Naming Committee for Vanderhoof Primary Care Building

Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors recommend that Directors Moon and Moutray be appointed to the Naming Committee for the new Vanderhoof Primary Care Building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Health - UBCM Thank you.

Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District receive the Correspondence from Northern Health regarding 2025 UBCM Thank you.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Wiebe

Seconded by Director Storey

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services