

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
AGENDA
Thursday, March 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

March 26, 2026

Approve

MINUTES

**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes -
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Approve

REPORTS

John Illes, Treasurer - NKDF Application for Helipad Construction

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Recommendation

VERBAL REPORTS

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 12, 2026**

Directors Present: Chair Judy Greenaway
Martin Elphee
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Kevin Moutray
Mark Parker
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey - via Zoom
Henry Wiebe
Alex Kulchar, Alternate Director, Electoral Area F
(Vanderhoof Rural)

Director Absent: Shirley Moon, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof)

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Secretary
Cheryl Anderson, Acting Secretary
John Illes, Treasurer
Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary
Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services - via
Zoom - arrived at 10:24 a.m.

Others: Natasha Westover, Director of Community
Relations, Western LNG - via Zoom - arrived at
10:15 a.m.
Heather Taylor, Senior Manager of Social
Performance, Western LNG - via Zoom - arrived at
10:15 a.m.

Media - Merewyn Comeau - LD News - arrived at
10:26 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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AGENDA

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2026-SNRHD-036

Moved by Alternate Director Kulchar

Seconded by Director Parker

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda for March 12, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2026

2026-SNRHD-037

Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

John Illes, Treasurer - Budget Bylaw 2026

2026-SNRHD-038

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Lambert

That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 96, 2026 be given third reading as amended and adoption this 12th day of March, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

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- Southside of Francois Lake Helipad
 - Cost of the helipad
 - Number of helicopter extractions for the Southside of Francois Lake
 - Fundraising and Industrial partners
 - Transport Canada Helipad requirements
 - Completing the project and possible funding delays
 - Northern Health's request to move forward with the project
 - Director Lambert initiated the conversation
 - BC Ambulance has been contacted by Northern Health, however no funding commitment has been provided
 - Currently no tax implications in the 2026 Budget
 - RBA funds are a possible funding source
 - Approaching First Nations Communities for support
 - A phased approach was discussed to allow funding over a number of years
 - Staff will contact Northern Health regarding the costs for the project and options for a phased approach
- Funding for the future Vanderhoof Hospital
 - Sustainable funding.

VERBAL REPORTS

District of Vanderhoof - Director Moutray

- Closing of the bids for the new Vanderhoof Primary Care Facility has been extended to March 20th
- Spoke with Megan Hunter, Health Services Administrator, Omineca, Northern Health regarding purchasing equipment for facilities
 - Suggested a CT Scanner would be beneficial and follow with consideration of an MRI
 - Recruitment for Anesthesiologist has not progressed
 - Lack of applicants
 - Consider as a region how to move forward recruitment and lobby the Minister of Health to incentives having anesthesiologist in Vanderhoof.

Village of Fraser Lake - Director Storey

- Anesthesiologist in Vanderhoof
 - Reached out to Dr. John Pawlovich, Rural Coordination Centre of BC for assistance recruiting an anesthesiologist in Vanderhoof

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- Dr. Pawlovich is a strong advocate for establishing the Drone transport pilot project initiative in Fraser Lake to carry prototype packages between the Village of Fraser Lake and Stelat'en First Nation
- Spoke to the reliance on the hospital in Vanderhoof and impacts to the hospital in Prince George if service levels are not maintained in Vanderhoof
- Pharmacist leaving the Village of Fraser Lake in the near future
 - Challenges recruiting
 - Signing bonus and housing are available
 - Hourly rate of \$75
 - Brought forward concerns to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health and Dr. Pawlovich.

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

2026-SNRHD-039

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors

To: Chair Greenaway and Board
From: John Illes, Treasurer
Date: March 26, 2026
Subject: **NKDF Application for Helipad Construction**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Board approve an application from the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District to the Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund for \$100,000 to support the helipad construction project at the Southside Health and Wellness Center.

BACKGROUND

As presented at the March 12, 2026, SNRHD Board meeting, staff are preparing an application to the Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) for funding support for the helipad construction project.

A Board resolution is required for NKDF to consider the application.