

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**AGENDA****THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015****CALL TO ORDER****SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Receive

AGENDA – August 20, 2015

Approve

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CORRESPONDENCE

16	Northern Health – NCLGA Meeting – Prince George – May 6, 2015	Receive
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17-18	Stuart Lake Senior Association – Senior Residents Concerns and Lake of Positive Response from Northern Health	Receive
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19-25	Northern Health News Releases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Mental Health and Substance Use Support Programs to Help support Residents of Northern B.C. • New Residential Care Beds Officially Opened During Gateway's Fifth Anniversary Celebration • Increases in HIV Testing and Treatment Key Outcomes in the STOP HIV/AIDS Program 	Receive
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STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Eileen Benedict
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall – arrived at 10:17 a.m.
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Gerry Thiessen – arrived at 10:19 a.m.

Director Absent Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake

Staff Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Miller

SNRHD-2015-6-1

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of June 25, 2015 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

**Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes – May 28, 2015**

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-6-2

"That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of May 28, 2015 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

**Capital Expenditure Bylaws
53 and 54**

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-6-3

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer's June 10, 2015 memo titled "Capital Expenditure Bylaws 53 and 54."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Meeting with Northern Health – May 11, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-6-4

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer’s June 17, 2015 memo titled “Meeting with Northern Health – May 11, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Health – The New Learning and Development Centre Opens Doors to Next Generation of Health Care Professionals

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-6-5

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Northern Health titled “News Release – The New Learning and Development Centre Opens Doors to Next Generation of Health Care Professionals.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

First, Second, Third Reading and Adoption

No. 54 Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD-2015-6-6

“That “Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 54” be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 25th day of June, 2015.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 53 Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD-2015-6-7

“That “Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 53” be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 25th day of June, 2015.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Retirement Barbeque for Dr. Stent in Fort St. James

Director Greenaway mentioned he attended a retirement barbeque celebration in honour of Dr. Stent. He noted that Dr. Stent will continue to be a locum doctor. Director Greenaway spoke of Dr. Stent's community dedication and the community's respect for Dr. Stent.

Director MacDougall noted that Dr. Sean Ebert from Vanderhoof also attended the barbeque for Dr. Stent and has been a catalyst in supporting Fort St. James through some difficult times in regard to doctor shortages and expressed his gratitude for the help from the doctors in Vanderhoof.

Northern Health Meeting and Public Roundtable in Burns Lake, May 15, 2015

Director Parker attended the Northern Health Meeting and Public Roundtable held in Burns Lake on June 15, 2015. He noted that it was a very good experience.

Chair Petersen along with Director Lindstrom also attended the meeting. Chair Petersen mentioned that at the meeting Charles Jago, Chair, Northern Health thanked the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital Board of Directors for its support, hard work and continued partnership with Northern Health.

IDIDALAP for Cancer in Vanderhoof, June 20, 2015

Director Thiessen participated in the IDIDALAP for Cancer in Vanderhoof on June 20, 2015. He noted that it was a very wet and cold day and participation was a little lower than in the past but they still raised \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Expression of Interest for Medical Clinic in Fort St. James

Director MacDougall spoke of the Expression of Interest that has been issued for a new medical clinic in Fort St. James.

Farm Fresh Egg Sales at Local Stores

Director Miller reported that Northern Health had recently withdrawn a decision to not allow the sale of farm fresh eggs through a local health food store. Northern Health has indicated that selling farm fresh eggs can continue providing the name and number of the local farmer is on the product.

Nurse Practitioner Hired for Granisle

Director Liversidge noted that a Nurse Practitioner has been hired for Granisle. They are currently relocating from the east coast of Canada and have purchased a home in Granisle.

Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike in Fraser Lake

Director Lindstrom mentioned that the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike was in Fraser Lake on June 18, 2015 and raised approximately \$8,000.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Miller
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2015-6-8

"That the verbal reports of the various Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director MacDougall

SNRHD-2015-6-9

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 a.m."

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Stuart-Nechako

Regional Hospital District

Memo

August 12, 2015

Board Agenda – August 20, 2015

To: Chairman Petersen and the Board of Directors
From: Hans Berndorff, Treasurer
Regarding: Northern Health Emergency Capital Request – Pines Electrical Upgrades

Northern Health is upgrading the electrical system at the Pines Long Term Care facility in Burns Lake to facilitate installation of the back-up generator salvaged from the old Burns Lake Hospital. The work is expected to be complete in October, 2015. Attached is a request from Northern Health for 40% funding of this project.

This project is obviously not in the 2015 budget. However, if the Board wanted to support this project, the budget for the Burns Lake Hospital replacement could be reduced. Northern Health confirms that it estimates that the Burns Lake Hospital replacement will likely come in at about \$400,000 to \$600,000 under budget for the SNRHD 20% share.

The following bylaws are included further in the agenda for the Board's consideration for three readings and adoption:

- Bylaw No 55 – Capital Expenditure Bylaw - Pines electrical upgrades - \$248,000
- Bylaw No 56 - Amended 2015 budget adding \$248,000 for the Pines electrical upgrades and reducing the budget for the Burns Lake Hospital Replacement by \$248,000, with no change in taxation.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.



Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

That the memorandum from the Treasurer, dated August 12, 2015 regarding the proposed amendment to the 2015 Final Budget be received.

August 10, 2015

Hans Berndorff, CA
Financial Administrator
Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District
P.O. Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

Email: hans.berndorff@rdbn.bc.ca

RE: Emergency Bylaw request – The Pines Electrical System Upgrade

Dear Mr. Berndorff:

We would like to formally request a bylaw in the amount of \$248,000 to upgrade the electrical system at The Pines. This is 40% of the project budget (\$620,000).

During the deconstruction and decommissioning of the old Burns Lake Hospital, we were able to successfully disconnect and save a 15-year-old VOLVO 230KW generator. This surplus generator can be connected to The Pines if the facility is upgraded to the new electrical code standards.

The Pines' existing emergency generator is a 1970 vintage John Deere/Kohler 80KW generator. This generator is obsolete and its reliability is low. Power outages are very common in Burns Lake and this unit is frequently required to provide vital power to the Long Term Care facility that houses 35 residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



Deb Taylor, H.B.Comm, CPA, CGA
Regional Manager, Capital Accounting

Cc: Michael McMillan, Chief Operating Officer, NI
Mike Hoefer, RD, Capital Planning and Support Services

Stuart-Nechako

Regional Hospital District

Memo

August 11, 2015

Board Agenda – August 20, 2015

To: Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors
From: Hans Berndorff, Treasurer
Regarding: Financial Statements – June 30, 2015

Attached are the financial statements for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the six months ending June 30, 2015.

During the second quarter of 2015, a payment of \$794,555 was made to Northern Health for the final payment for the Vanderhoof Outpatient Renovations.

At June 30, 2015, the SNRHD had a net financial position of \$883,286. There was \$889,693 in cash and investments, including \$772,220 in the capital reserve and \$62,994 in a separate donation account that is committed for the Healing Garden at the new Burns Lake Hospital.

There is no debt outstanding at this time.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.




Recommendation:	(all/directors/majority)
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That the memorandum from the Treasurer, dated August 11, 2015 regarding the June 30, 2015 Financial Statements be received.

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2015

Department* Consolidated Departments

Assets		Current Month	Prior Month	Prior Year
1000	Cash & Bank Accounts	11,043	11,045	64,775
1020	Investments & Term Deposits	815,656	814,596	5,105,564
1021	Investments - BL Hospital Replac	62,994	62,918	62,078
1060	Accts Receivable - Municipal	5,109	5,109	3,733
Total Assets		\$894,802	\$893,668	\$5,236,149
Liabilities				
2100	Accounts Payable - General	2,000	2,000	2,000
2150	Due to Regional District	9,516	7,930	7,761
Total Liabilities		\$11,516	\$9,930	\$9,761
Net Financial Position		\$883,286	\$883,738	\$5,226,388


Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2015

Department1 Capital Reserve Fund

Assets		Current Month	Prior Month	Prior Year
1020	Reserve Investments	772,220	771,288	4,060,146
1021	Investments - BL Hospital Replac	62,994	62,918	62,078
Total Assets		\$835,215	\$834,207	\$4,122,224
Liabilities				
Net Financial Position		\$835,215	\$834,207	\$4,122,224

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Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2015

Department2 General Fund

Assets		Current Month	Prior Month	Prior Year
1000	Cash & Bank Accounts	11,043	11,045	64,775
1020	Investments & Term Deposits	43,436	43,307	1,045,418
Total Assets		\$54,479	\$54,352	\$1,110,192
Liabilities				
2100	Accounts Payable - General	2,000	2,000	2,000
2150	Due to Regional District	9,516	7,930	7,761
Total Liabilities		\$11,516	\$9,930	\$9,761
Net Financial Position		\$42,963	\$44,422	\$1,100,431

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Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.
Income Statement
As of June 30, 2015

Department* Consolidated Departments

	Revenue	Current Month	Total YTD	YTD Budget	Variance YTD	Annual Budget
4000	Tax Requisitions	0	0	0	0	1,790,000
4019	Transfer from Capital Reserve	0	794,544	800,000	(5,456)	1,618,728
4050	Grants in Lieu of Taxes	0	510	0	510	10,000
4100	Interest Income	1,136	17,778	3,250	14,528	6,500
4230	Temporary Borrowing	0	0	373,590	(373,590)	373,590
4999	Surplus Carried Forward	0	44,245	44,245	0	44,245
	Revenue total	1,136	857,077	1,221,085	(364,008)	3,843,063
	Expenses					
5026	Global Minor Equipment Grants	0	0	0	0	180,000
5034	TB Minor - St. John Hospital	0	794,544	794,544	0	794,544
5037	Building Integrity-FSJ Sprinkler Sv	0	0	0	0	400,000
5040	Building Integrity	0	0	0	0	24,000
5042	Major Proj.- Fraser Lk D&T Ctr	0	0	0	0	128,000
5049	VHF & FSJ Telephone System Up	0	0	0	0	90,000
5056	Burns Lake Hospital Construction	0	0	970,793	970,793	1,941,585
5060	Integrated Com Clinical Info Syste	0	0	0	0	131,413
5061	Emerg Dept Info System	0	0	65,020	65,020	65,020
5460	Bank charges & interest	2	12	0	(12)	0
5470	Administration & Audit	1,250	7,500	7,750	250	15,500
5471	Director's Remuneration & Travel	336	2,016	5,000	2,984	10,000
5476	Burns Lake Hospital Healing Gard	0	0	0	0	63,000
5500	Transfer to Capital Reserve	0	794,544	0	(794,544)	0
	Total Expenses	1,588	1,598,617	1,843,107	244,490	3,843,062
	Net Income	(452)	(741,540)	(622,022)	(119,518)	1

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.
Income Statement
As of June 30, 2015

Department1 Capital Reserve Fund

	Revenue	Current Month	Total YTD	YTD Budget	Variance YTD	Annual Budget
4100	Interest Income on Cap. Resv.	1,008	11,566	0	11,566	0
	Revenue total	1,008	11,566	0	11,566	0
	Expenses					
5500	Transfer to General Fund	0	794,544	0	(794,544)	0
	Total Expenses	0	794,544	0	(794,544)	0
	Net Income	1,008	(782,979)	0	(782,979)	0

**Stuart-Nechako Regional Hosp. Dist.
Income Statement
As of June 30, 2015**

Department2 General Fund

	Revenue	Current Month	Total YTD	YTD Budget	Variance YTD	Annual Budget
4000	Tax Requisitions	0	0	0	0	1,790,000
4019	Transfer from Capital Reserve	0	794,544	800,000	(5,456)	1,618,728
4050	Grants in Lieu of Taxes	0	510	0	510	10,000
4100	Interest Income	128	6,212	3,250	2,962	6,500
4230	Temporary Borrowing	0	0	373,590	(373,590)	373,590
4999	Surplus Carried Forward	0	44,245	44,245	0	44,245
	Revenue total	128	845,511	1,221,085	(375,574)	3,843,063
	Expenses					
5026	Global Minor Equipment Grants	0	0	0	0	180,000
5034	TB Minor - St. John Hospital	0	794,544	794,544	0	794,544
5037	Building Integrity-FSJ Sprinkler Sy	0	0	0	0	400,000
5040	Building Integrity	0	0	0	0	24,000
5042	Major Project - Fraser Lake D&T	0	0	0	0	128,000
5049	VHF & FSJ Telephone System Up	0	0	0	0	90,000
5056	Burns Lake Hospital Construction	0	0	970,793	970,793	1,941,585
5060	Ingegrated Com Clinical Info Syste	0	0	0	0	131,413
5061	Emerg Dept Info System	0	0	65,020	65,020	65,020
5460	Bank Charges & Interest	2	12	0	(12)	0
5470	Administration & Audit	1,250	7,500	7,750	250	15,500
5471	Director's Remuneration & Travel	336	2,016	5,000	2,984	10,000
5476	Burns Lake Hospital Healing Gard	0	0	0	0	63,000
	Total Expenses	1,588	804,072	1,843,107	1,039,035	3,843,062
	Net Income	(1,460)	41,439	(622,022)	663,461	1

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June 26, 2015

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Mr. Jerry Peterson, Chair
Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District
P.O. Box 820, 37 3rd Avenue
Burns Lake, BC
VOJ 1E0

Dear Mr. Peterson;

Re: NCLGA Meeting, Prince George, May 6, 2015

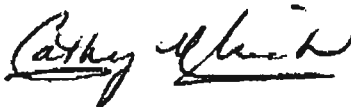
Thank you for meeting with us in May at the North Central Local Government Association convention in Prince George. These meetings are an important opportunity for Northern Health to meet with communities and Regional Districts.

At this meeting, we discussed the planning process for the replacement of the Stuart Lake Hospital. We have completed the master and functional planning processes and have recently contracted with Partnerships BC to begin the development of the concept plan. I believe that Michael Hoefer, Regional Director, Capital Planning and Support Services has sent you the information about the Facility Condition Index of the facilities in the Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District Area.

We also discussed the changes that are occurring in the way the College of New Caledonia is operated. This will affect the delivery of family support and therapy services for children. The College of New Caledonia is working with all of the partners to ensure that these services are preserved in the Lakes District area.

Thank you again for meeting with us.

Sincerely,



Cathy Ulrich
President and
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Dr. Charles Jago - Chair, Northern Health Board
Michael McMillan - Chief Operating Officer, North Interior
Marie Hunter - Health Service Administrator, Lakes District
April Hughes - Health Services Administrator, Omineca

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Honourable Terry Lake
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JUL 30 2015
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Subject: Senior Residents concerns and lack of positive response from Northern Health.

Honourable Terry Lake,

The three main concerns that seniors in the Fort St. James area have that are not being addressed with little or no help coming from Northern Health after numerous meetings with them. We have reached a major crisis point and are seeking your assistance in removing these road blocks to proper patient care.

1. Home care. Very effective when fully staffed; cannot be done part time, must have adequate backup for assigned staff. So folks do not have to travel and take up valuable time from the limited emergency resources at the hospitals on the days when home care is not available.

2. Patients busing to see specialists. The Northern Health program is totally inadequate for patients from this area with specialist appointments in Prince George. Their program is totally a waste of the limited medical resources, Northern Health is using a combination of paramedics (ambulance) to Vanderhoof then catch the Northern Health bus to Prince George. We are seeking support for a program that is currently being used in Fort St James "**Seniors helping Seniors**". This is a volunteer group of Seniors that drive people with specialist appointments to and from Prince George, Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake.

3. Fort St. James Health Clinic. The strategic changes at the clinic in helping administration move from a commission based payment schedule to a preventative and chronic care payment schedule. This **prevention and early intervention** change has already shown that this new model has reduced considerable the time that a patient stays at the hospital. However it has resulted in the **lack of administration funding** for the clinic and inadequate places for sick patients to wait for the clinic doors to open. The change to preventative care has created a bottle neck at the hospital lab as it is also understaffed.

We believe with your intervention, we can have these roadblocks removed or at the very least addressed by Northern Health, with a solutions brought forward through discussions with stake holders, will address these issue to everyone satisfaction.

Judy Greenaway
President

cc MLA John Rustad, Box 421 Vanderhoof BC V0J 3A0

cc. Northern Health. Suite 600, 299 Victoria Street Prince George BC V2L 5B8

cc. District of Fort St. James. Mayor and Council

cc Senior Advocacy Office. Isobel Mackenzie, PO Box 9651 Stn Prov. Govt. Victoria BC V8W 9P4

cc. Fort St. James Medical Clinic. Cathy Marchal

cc Regional District Bulkley Nechako

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NEWS RELEASE

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAKO

June 26, 2015
For Immediate Release

New mental health and substance use support programs to help support residents of northern B.C.

Northern Health is introducing new programs in communities across northern B.C. to support people with severe mental illness or substance use concerns. The programs will better connect northerners with crucial mental health or substance use services, when and where they need them the most.

“Caring for people who are experiencing issues with mental health and substance abuse is a complex issue,” said Shirley Bond, MLA for Prince George-Valemount. “We know that it involves a number of community partners, including the RCMP and health care providers. The funding announced today will provide new programs to better support northern residents and help improve the way services are delivered to individuals on the street, emergency rooms and in communities.”

To reduce the amount of time members of the RCMP spend with patients in the emergency department, a new psychiatric liaison nurse position will be added to hospitals in Prince George, Prince Rupert, and Fort St. John. The nurse will support physicians and staff in the emergency department by quickly helping to assess the patient, and start determining the best supports – either community based programs or in-patient care.

“Mental health and substance use support cannot come from a single organization, and instead need to be created in partnerships that wrap services around the patient,” said Mike Morris, MLA for Prince George-Mackenzie. “The new programs will help Northern Health better serve its clients, while getting the police officers back onto the road more quickly.”

As well, new intensive case management teams will be expanding from Prince George to Terrace and Fort St. John. The intensive case management teams are community-based, outpatient support teams that provide street and community outreach services to people with mental illness and/or substance use problems to connect them with appropriate care and services to reduce their time spent in hospital.

“Mental health and substance use challenges are not only an urban issue, but also seen in rural and remote parts of our province,” said Cathy Ulrich, Northern Health’s chief executive officer and president. “Having the new psychiatric liaison nurse and intensive case management team spread out across the region will help us to better serve residents closer to home.”

The third and final program underway in Prince George is the new Car 60, modeled after the similar Car 40 in Kamloops, Car 87 for the Vancouver Coastal Health region, and Car 67 for Fraser Health residents. Car 60 is a community mobile crisis response program comprised of staff with an expertise in mental health and substance use problems and a plain clothes RCMP officer. The program connects a person in the community in crisis with appropriate supports, determines if medical care at the hospital is required, and supports the RCMP in developing a joint response in addressing community mental health and substance use related calls.

“We have seen an increase in the number of mental health and substance use -related calls, and having the Car 60 program will help to better serve the person we’re trying to help,” said Warren Brown, Superintendent, Prince George RCMP. “This mobile crisis response program has been successful in other communities in B.C., and we’re confident that it will also be successful here in Prince George.”

The three new programs were made possible by the Ministry of Health’s investment beginning in 2014/15 of \$20.25 million to health authorities to support programs and services for those with severe mental illness or substance use issues. This investment aligns with the provincial government’s 10-year mental-health and substance use plan, Healthy Minds, Healthy People, which focuses on prevention, early intervention, treatment and sustainability.

As well, the Ministry of Health recently released several policy papers which outline the strategic service priorities for the health sector. These priorities focus on building primary and community care supports to better meet the needs of individuals, including those with mental health and substance use challenges.

Northern Health continues to work with community partners and the Province to enhance mental health and addiction supports in northern British Columbia. For a full list of mental health and addiction programs within the region, visit: www.northernhealth.ca.

Media Contact:

Northern Health media line: 250-961-7724

NEWS RELEASE

June 26, 2015
For Immediate Release

New residential care beds officially opened during Gateway's fifth anniversary celebration

MLA for Prince George-Valemount Shirley Bond and MLA for Prince George-Mackenzie Mike Morris today officially opened 26 new beds at the Gateway Complex Care building and celebrated the fifth anniversary of Gateway Assisted Living.

"We want to find the most appropriate ways we can to care for seniors in our community. It is important to have a range of options available to meet the specific needs that our aging residents require," said Shirley Bond, MLA for Prince George-Valemount. "The new space at Gateway will allow for additional convalescent and respite care as well as critical complex care beds. Gateway has served us well for 5 years and these new enhancements will help us to better serve a growing population of seniors."

Located on the third floor of the facility, the new beds include 11 convalescent care and respite beds and 15 complex care beds. Convalescent care and respite beds provide short term relief for people with illness or those recovering from illness who would otherwise be admitted to hospital. The complex care beds are available for people who can no longer safely or independently live at home or in an assisted living residence due to their complex care needs.

"Gateway opened five years ago to increase the residential care and assisted living options available in Prince George. Having the third floor open to further increase that support to people in northern B.C. who need more care is very exciting," said Mike Morris, MLA for Prince George-Mackenzie. "We will continue to work to ensure residents of this region have appropriate access to services from community to residential care."

Ground was officially broken on the Gateway Complex Care and Gateway Assisted Living facilities in the fall of 2007 at the corner of Victoria Street and 20th avenue in Prince George. The complex care portion of the building was finished first and opened in 2009. It was followed by the assisted living portion of the building officially opening in 2010. The assisted living unit has 50 beds, while the



residential care unit has 109 long term care beds and 11 respite/convalescent beds.

The renovations cost approximately \$1.2 million, with 60 per cent provided by the Province of B.C. through Northern Health, and 40 per cent by the Fraser Fort George Regional Hospital District.

“We continue to work to meet the needs of seniors and adults in northern B.C. that have a variety of care needs,” said Dr. Charles Jago, Northern Health Board Chair. “Opening the new beds at Gateway will help with the types of care needed as our population ages; something we heard is important to seniors’ during our 2014 public consultation on healthy aging and seniors’ wellness.”

The opening of the new beds is part of the strategy approved by the Northern Health board in December 2014 to help with capacity challenges at the University Hospital of Northern B.C.

For further information on home and community care programs, please visit www.northernhealth.ca.

Media Contact:

NH media line - 250-961-7724

NEWS RELEASE

July 17, 2015

Increases in HIV testing and treatment key outcomes in the STOP HIV/AIDS program

The July 2015 Northern Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention (STOP) HIV progress report highlights that testing and treatment of HIV are up across Northern Health, while deaths related to HIV continue to decrease. The report highlights that even with the promising start, more work is still required.

The STOP HIV project and work to reduce the spread of HIV in northern B.C. is a partnership with Northern Health, the Province of B.C., the First Nations Health Authority, Positive Living North, Northern BC First Nations HIV/AIDS Coalition, and the Central Interior Native Health Society.

“We keep working towards our goal of an AIDS-free generation, improving options available for those living with HIV, and preventing the spread of the disease,” said Health Minister Terry Lake. “B.C. is recognized as a global leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS, and these results in northern B.C. show our efforts are improving health outcomes.”

STOP HIV/AIDS (also known as STOP) began as a four-year pilot project running from 2009 to 2013 in Prince George and Vancouver. The British Columbia Ministry of Health initiated the STOP pilot in collaboration with the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS to enhance the reach of, and engagement of British Columbians in, HIV testing, treatment and care. STOP sought to normalize testing by expanding it beyond identified high-risk groups and making it a routine aspect of medical care. The awareness campaign, which included the development of HIV101.ca, also helped the project win three International Association of Business Communicator awards and a Health Employers Association of B.C. award. In April 2013 the pilot was expanded provincially and is guided by the Province of B.C.’s strategic policy *From Hope to Health: Towards an AIDS-free Generation*.

There was an increase in testing of 39 per cent in northern B.C. between 2009 to 2014 in northern B.C., and the rate of testing grows each year. There are a number of projects that have helped increase the testing rate in northern B.C. Point of care testing which is now offered at eight Northern Health and First Nations Health Authority sites, allows a fast and simple screening for HIV antibodies with a small amount of blood from a person’s finger. The results are available in minutes. In addition, more acute care facilities are starting to offer an HIV test as part of regular blood work. Fort St. James, Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake introduced this practice in spring of 2014. We continue to look at methods to expand and support this practice.



“We want people to know their HIV status in order to get care and treatment quicker, and take the appropriate precautions to stop the spread of HIV,” said Ciro Panessa, Northern Health regional director of chronic disease. “Early diagnosis can also help the person with HIV as we can get them the appropriate care, treatment and support, working to help improve their quality of life.”

Outreach to smaller northern communities and links to specialized care through Dr. Abu Hamour’s clinic in Prince George continue to develop and grow. Treatment for HIV has changed since it was first discovered in the 1980s. The report shows that 40 per cent of people in northern B.C. accessing HIV treatment through Dr. Hamour’s clinic in Prince George have a suppressed viral load, meaning the virus is virtually undetectable in their bodies. Working with those living with HIV to better manage their illness will continue to be a major focus for Northern Health and its community partners moving forward.

“HIV does not discriminate, and we want to be able to support people to stop the spread of the disease and support those living with HIV to have access to treatment,” said Dr. Abu Hamour, Northern Health’s regional blood borne pathogens specialist. “We utilize all the tools we can to support residents of northern B.C., including telehealth, visiting their communities, and increasing the awareness of HIV among local practitioners. We will continue to work on increasing awareness and improving access to care.”

Even with the successes for the STOP HIV program, HIV rates remain high across northern B.C. To address this, Northern Health will continue to work with community partners across the north to reduce HIV through prevention, harm reduction, testing, care, treatment and support. Deaths related to HIV in northern B.C. have dropped from 13 in 2009 to 5 in 2014. It is the goal of the Province of B.C., Northern Health, and our partners to continue reducing these numbers, allowing people to live longer lives.

To review the full report, please visit hiv101.ca.

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NEWS RELEASE

June 17, 2015
For Immediate Release

Northern Health Board recognizes energy saving initiatives and programs engaging youth about future health care career opportunities

The Northern Health Board praised the work underway to reduce Northern Health's carbon footprint at its latest meeting in Burns Lake on June 15, 2015.

Energy conservation projects were implemented at six facilities across the region in 2014, and were able to save over \$250,000. Funding for these projects was provided through the Carbon Neutral Capital Program that is combined with funding from the local regional hospital district partner. Fortis BC and BC Hydro also provide incentives that can be applied to projects to help reduce energy use and costs.

"We put a strong emphasis on being energy conscious including finding ways to reduce costs for facility maintenance, and utilizing the savings for health care related programs," said Dr. Charles Jago, Northern Health's board chair. "We operate in a uniquely challenging northern climate, but our staff continues to find creative and innovative means to be more efficient despite those challenges."

Northern Health's energy savings team was able to reduce its natural gas consumption by three per cent in 2014 over 2013, and has seen a reduction of seven per cent total since starting the program in 2009. In addition, electrical consumption dropped by two per cent in 2014 from 2013.

The human resources team also provided information on two programs targeted to youth interested in pursuing a career in health care. The first is the Grow Your Own program which includes an interactive presentation to grade 10, 11 and 12 students about the diverse opportunities in health care. These events have been held in Prince George, Quesnel, and Fort St. John, and will occur this month in Vanderhoof and Terrace. The second is the Interactive Clinical Simulations that is a partnership with the Innovation and Development Commons. The first session in April included a wide range of health care professionals and a group of Carrier Sekani youth.

"These unique programs engage youth across Northern Health and are helpful to get youth thinking about their future, and hopefully a career in healthcare within northern B.C.," said Cathy Ulrich, Northern Health's Chief Executive Officer and President. "We know people that come from rural communities and learn in northern communities are more likely to practice in a rural setting; presenting these career opportunities will encourage youth to pursue post-secondary education in a health care related field."

The opening of the new Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre in Burns Lake and Learning and Development Centre in Prince George were also celebrated at the board meeting.

The next Northern Health Board Meeting will be held in Prince George on October 21, 2015.



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Dear Chair and Directors:

At its regular meeting held on June 12, 2015, the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board (CCRHDB) received and considered correspondence from Hilary Crowley, Physiotherapist, regarding the shortage of physiotherapists in BC, particularly in the North.

The CCRHDB shares Ms. Crowley's concerns regarding the shortage of physiotherapists, and will be submitting resolutions to NCLGA and UBCM, advocating for the establishment of a Northern Physiotherapy Program at the University of Northern BC, to provide for 20 more physiotherapy academic seats in BC.

A Fact Sheet is attached for your reference. On behalf of the CCRHDB members, I urge you to join us in lending your support to this important health initiative.

Yours truly,



John Massier
Chair

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 City of Prince George - Mayor, Lyn Hall
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PHYSIOTHERAPY FACT SHEET

- **Physiotherapy** is a healthcare profession dedicated to working with people to identify and maximize their ability to move and function throughout their lifespan. Specifically, physiotherapists improve clients' quality of life by promoting optimal mobility, physical activity and overall health and wellness. Physiotherapists help to prevent injuries and provide therapy to alleviate pain, strengthen muscles and improve co-ordination. The profession is committed to health and quality of life.
- **Shortage of Physiotherapists:** There is a shortage of physiotherapists across BC but most significantly in the North. 2014 indicated 267 vacancies in BC. There are no physiotherapy services in most First Nations communities but this is not included in the number of vacancies. Families living in northern, rural and First Nations communities are disadvantaged by lack of access to these services. The proposed increase in resource development in the north will also exacerbate the need for health professionals.
- **Current Vacancies:** There are currently 14 vacant positions in Central and Northern BC. There are many communities with no positions and no service due to unsuccessful physiotherapy recruitment efforts, resulting in loss of positions. Access to physiotherapists can reduce reliance on hospital emergency departments for management of chronic disease and improve patient outcomes for a lower cost.
- **Pediatrics:** The College of New Caledonia recently cancelled their contracts with Ministry of Children and Families to provide Early Intervention Services for vulnerable children in Nechako Lakes and Burns Lake. This leaves a significant gap in physiotherapy services for children with delayed development, where early intervention makes a critical difference in the future of childrens' ability to function and develop life skills.
- **Seniors:** A recent report by the Seniors Advocate showed that BC falls far behind other provinces in therapy services available to seniors. This leads to seniors in BC being placed in residential care prematurely due to mobility issues and no chance of good rehabilitation following a fall, injury or age-related mobility losses. The age of the physiotherapy work-force is also greater in the north meaning that imminently there will be more vacant physiotherapy positions and the expertise of these therapists will no longer be available to provide clinical teaching to new students unless this initiative is acted on in a timely manner.
- **Training:** UBC is the only Physiotherapy School in BC. UBC has the lowest number of seats to population ratio amongst all the provinces and experiences the worst shortages of physiotherapists across Canada. They graduate 80 physiotherapists annually. 20 of these 80 are in the northern and rural cohort, which means that their clinical experience is taught in rural and northern communities through UNBC. UNBC has a physiotherapy lab and clinical co-ordinator on site. They are also hooked up audio-visually across the Region and with UBC. UNBC has current space for a 20 seat physiotherapy program. Research shows that students trained in the north are far more likely to stay in the north.
- **Local Government Support:** The Mayors and Councils and MLAs that we spoke to at the NCLGA conference in May agreed that there was a need for more physiotherapists and that recruitment and retention is more successful when students come from and are trained in a rural or northern community.
- **Request:** We ask that you and members of the NCLGA advocate for 20 more physiotherapy academic seats in BC, to be located in the north to address the community need for physiotherapy services. A Northern Physiotherapy Program at UNBC, similar to the Northern Medical Program, would help to serve northern and rural communities. This will bring students in to experience work in rural communities and increase supply for the existing vacancies thereby improving the overall access to physiotherapy for many more rural and northern British Columbians.

Hilary Crowley, Physiotherapist – representing physiotherapists in the North.

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 55
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BYLAW

WHEREAS, the Board of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District proposes to expend money for capital expenditures described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming an integral part of this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS, those capital expenditures have received the approval required under Section 23 of the *Hospital District Act*;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District enacts the following capital expenditure bylaw as required by Section 32 of the *Hospital District Act*;

1. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of money necessary to complete the capital expenditures as described in Schedule 'A' attached.
2. The Board hereby delegates the necessary authority to the Treasurer to settle payment.
3. This bylaw may be cited for all intents and purposes as the "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 55, 2015."

READ A FIRST TIME this day of , 2015

READ A SECOND TIME this day of , 2015

READ A THIRD TIME this day of , 2015

ADOPTED this day of , 2015

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

I, hereby, certify that this is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 55, being "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 55, 2015" as adopted by the Board of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District on the day of , 2015.

Corporate Administrator

SCHEDULE 'A'

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING BYLAW NO. 55, 2015

Name of Facility	Project or Equipment Description	SNRHD Share (40%)	Province Share (60%)	Total Project
Pines Long Term Care Facility – Burns Lake	Electrical System Upgrade	\$248,000	\$372,000	\$620,000

"I certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original"

Corporate Administrator

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1st, 2nd, 3rd Reading
& Adoption

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 56

**Being a bylaw to amend the Annual Budget
for the year 2015**

The Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District in open meeting assembled
ENACTS as follows:

1. Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is the Annual Budget for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2015, as amended.
2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Amendment Bylaw No. 56, 2015."

READ A FIRST TIME this day of , 2015

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ADOPTED this day of , 2015

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Bylaw No. 56 as adopted.

Corporate Administrator

Stuart-Nechako R.H.D.
2015 Final Budget - Amended

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Provisional Budget	2015 Final Budget
REVENUE:				
Surplus from prior year	1,338,768	1,338,768	13,751	44,245
Interest Income	10,000	11,511	1,000	6,500
Grants in lieu of taxes	10,000	9,680	10,000	10,000
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	3,868,063	2,529,241	840,000	1,555,728
Withdrawal from Special Capital Reserve	62,000		62,500	63,000
Temporary Borrowing			425,911	373,590
TAXATION:	1,742,600	1,742,614	1,742,600	1,790,000
Conv. Hosp. Assmts. (2015 Completed Roll)	\$ 331,723,544			
2015 Estimated Tax Rate	54 Cents per \$1,000			
Conv. Hosp. Assmts. (2014 Revised Roll)	\$ 321,634,494			
2014 Estimated Tax Rate	54 Cents per \$1,000			
Conv. Hosp. Assmts. (2013 Revised Roll)	\$ 313,082,572			
2013 Estimated Tax Rate	56 Cents per \$1,000			
Conv. Hosp. Assmts. (2012 Revised Roll)	\$ 269,721,292			
2012 Estimated Tax Rate	65 Cents per \$1,000			
Total Revenue	7,031,431	5,631,814	3,095,762	3,843,063
EXPENDITURES:				
Annual Grants				
Building Integrity < \$100,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Global Equipment Grant for Minor Capital <\$100,000	208,016	179,169	180,000	180,000
	232,016	203,169	204,000	204,000
Major Capital Projects				
Major Project - St. John Outpatient CFWD from 2008	818,804			794,545
Major Project - Burns Lake Hospital Planning				
Major Project - Burns Lake Hospital Construction	5,408,167	5,076,650	1,941,585	1,693,585
Major Project - Fraser Lake D&T Heating System (40%)	128,000		128,000	128,000
Major Project - Pines Electrical System Upgrades (40%)				248,000
	6,354,971	5,076,650	2,069,585	2,864,130
Building Integrity > \$100,000				
Fort St. James Electrical Upgrades - CFWD from 2011	160,000	110,738		
Fort St. James Aire Handling Unit - CFWD from 2011	100,000	87,805		
Fort St. James - Sprinkler System (40%)			400,000	400,000
	260,000	198,543	400,000	400,000
Major Equipment				
Vanderhoof Hospital Chemistry Analyser	49,200	42,755		
Vanderhoof Hospital Anesthetic Machine	47,744	47,545	47,744	
Vanderhoof & Fort St. James Telephone System Upgrades			90,000	90,000
	96,944	90,300	137,744	90,000
Information Technology Projects				
Integrated Community Clinical Information System			131,413	131,413
Emergency Department Information system			65,020	65,020
Health Link North - Cerner Upgrade			0	0
	0	0	196,433	196,433
Administration & Other:				
Directors' Remuneration & Travel	10,000	4,934	10,000	10,000
Administration (staff time, audit & other)	15,500	13,973	15,500	15,500
	25,500	18,907	25,500	25,500
Burns Lake Hospital Healing Garden (100% donation funded)	62,000		62,500	63,000
Total Expenditures	7,031,431	5,587,569	3,095,762	3,843,063