STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT AGENDA THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

ELECTION OF CHAIR

ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Receive

AGENDA – January 13, 2022 Approve

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2-4 Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Approve

Meeting Minutes -October 7, 2021

REPORTS

5-10 John Illes, Treasurer – Budget and Update for 2022 Recommendation

CORRESPONDENCE

11-12 The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health Receive

-Hospital District Act Update

VERBAL REPORTS

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Jerry Petersen

Directors Dolores Funk – via Zoom

Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Mark Parker

Bob Motion – via Zoom Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey – via Zoom

Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Clint Lambert, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services

John Illes, Treasurer

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:22 a.m. Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers – arrived at 10:22 a.m.

Shane Brienen, District of Houston – arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

SNRHD.2021-9-1 "That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of October

7, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority) <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Meeting

Minutes – September 23, 2021

Moved by Director Greenaway Seconded by Director McGuire

SNRHD.2021-9-2 "That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District

meeting of September 23, 2021 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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REPORTS

Items to be Brought Forward to the Public Agenda from September 23, 2021 In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Director Thiessen Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2021-9-3

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Items to be brought forward to the public agenda from September 23, 2021 In-Camera Meeting memorandum

RE: Stuart Nechako Manor - Roof Replacement Project

"That the Board authorize providing 40% to a maximum of \$2 million (\$2,000,000.00) to Northern Health to convert the unconditioned attic to a conditioned attic and install an exterior insulated waterproof assembly

at the Stuart Nechako Manor."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021 Interim Financial Report

Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2021-9-4

"That the Board receive the Treasurer's 2021 Interim Financial Report

memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stuart Nechako Manor -Bylaw No. 82 and No. 83 Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

SNRHD.2021-9-5

"That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Amendment Bylaw No. 82, 2021 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 7th day of October, 2021.

That Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 83, 2021 be given first, second, third reading and adoption

this 7th day of October, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VERBAL REPORTS

Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project

Director Motion noted that the Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project does not include replacing the helipad. The existing helipad will be decommissioned during the construction phase of the new hospital. Northern Health has indicated they will fund a study to determine an alternative location for a helipad. Northern Health's funding model for the Hospital Replacement Project doesn't include a helipad.

COVID-19 - Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen noted that Vanderhoof is experiencing a high rate of COVID-19 cases. He mentioned that the community has been demonstrating kindness and been very supportive of health care workers.

Director Thiessen commented that he is meeting with community physicians and hospital administration on Mondays but will be meeting Tuesday after the Thanksgiving weekend. Discussion took place in regard to patients being transported to Vanderhoof and Prince George from surrounding rural communities. Director Thiessen will clarify patient transfers from Fort St. James.

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VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Storey mentioned that a video was made of the Fraser Lake Fraser Lake Workcamp Video

Workcamp in jest and was posted on social media. The video has

created challenges in regard to misinformation.

Northern Health and Regional

Health District Fall Meeting

Chair Petersen noted that the Northern Health and Regional Health Districts Fall Meeting will take place in the upcoming weeks and will

include the 2022 Budget review.

Moved by Director McGuire Verbal Reports

Seconded by Director Greenaway

"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received." SNRHD.2021-9-6

> (All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT Moved by Director Parker

Seconded by Director McGuire

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:23 a.m." SNRHD.2021-9-7

> (All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services

Stuart-Nechako

Memo

Regional Hospital District

To: Chair Petersen and the Board of Directors

From: John Illes, Treasurer Date: January 13, 2022

Regarding: Budget and Update for 2022

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

"That the SNRHD Interim Financial Summary for 2021 be received"

"And that Bylaw 84 (Annual Budget for 2022 and Provisional Budget for 2023) be given first and second reading this 13th day of January, 2022."

Discussion:

The interim financial summary for 2021 is included as part of the long-term financial plan. Costs were considerably lower this year than expected primarily because the district only paid for \$1,000,000 towards the Stuart Lake Hospital.

Stuart Lake Hospital is expected to consume most of the budget for the next two years. Northern Health has indicated that they will be drawing down the \$20,000,000 committed for this project in 2022 and 2023.

The other major project, with a contribution of \$2,000,000 towards the total cost, is the Stuart-Nechako Manor roof replacement project.

While this financial plan does contemplate \$12 million of major capital expenses happening in 2026 and 2027, there are some other major projects that may happen in this time frame that are not fully included. These possible projects include Vanderhoof Primary Care. Similarly, major equipment may not be fully budgeted in these years as well and will depend on future needs identified by Northern Health. From 2025 to 2028 two projects are identified and these are the Fraser Lake Health Centre refurbishment (\$10,000,000) and Complex Care improvements in Burns Lake (\$2,000,000).

The largest unknown for the Hospital District is the eventual replacement of St. John Hospital in Vanderhoof that could easily be an expense in the neighborhood of \$50 million for the Hospital District. The Hospital District's goal would be to have reserves in this amount before the project was needed.

Taxation for 2022 is based on the non-market additions in assessments for the Hospital District. The requisition for 2022 is designed so that the average property owner will pay the same amount in Hospital District taxes as they did in 2021. The non-market

increases for the Hospital District is 6.1%. This is primarily due to pipeline construction in the rural areas. The estimated tax rate is \$1.223 for 2022 and is a reduction from the \$1.373 per \$1,000 three years ago in 2019 when the current practice of setting the Hospital District requisition began. This reduction reflects the "market" increase in assessments in the Hospital District jurisdiction.

The requisition amount for 2023 is estimated to increase by 4.6% to meet expenditures. With pipeline construction it is possible that this amount can be absorbed into the non-market assessment increase in 2023. However, if the non-market increase for 2023 is less than this amount, the Hospital District will need to increase "real" tax rates to meet requirements. One option to manage this risk would be to increase the requisition amount by 8.1% in 2022 (6.1% due to non-market increases and a 2.0% real tax increase). This would reduce the likelihood that that the non-market assessment increase would not cover the requisition demands for 2023.

As the current non-market additions in assessments include the industrial camps in Vanderhoof and Area E, it is possible that the requisition will be adjusted downwards to maintain the same total tax payment for residential property owners when these camps are dismantled.

The projects for 2022 are detailed on Schedule B of the budget bylaw.

The Budget Bylaw is included with this package. The recommendation is to provide the bylaw give the bylaw two readings. This will allow time for minor changes that may be brought forth within the next month. Third reading and adoption is scheduled for the Board meeting in February.

Attachments: Long-term Financial Plan including draft Financial Summary

Bylaw No. 84 - Budget 2022

Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District - 2022 Budget and 2023 Provisional Budget								
Schedule A - Bylaw 84, 2022 AS PROPOSED	2021 Actual (est)	2022 Budget	2023 Provisional Budget	sional Budget 2024 Preliminary Budget 2025 Preliminar		2026 Preliminary Budget	2027 Preliminary Budget	2028 Preliminary Budget
Surplus Carryforward	9,275,707	\$ 12,086,173	5,562,993	0	4,907,697	9,578,862	8,250,027	6,917,504
Grant In Lieu of Taxes Taxation Interest Total	9,432 4,814,871 55,928 \$ 14,155,938	9,500 5,103,750 132,369 \$ 17,199,423	9,500 5,337,977 41,722 \$ 10,910,470	9,500 5,337,977 36,808 \$ 5,347,477	9,500 5,337,977 108,649 \$ 10,255,174	9,500 5,337,977 133,717 \$ 14,926,339	9,500 5,337,977 113,756 \$ 13,597,504	9,500 5,337,977 138,769 \$ 12,264,981
Business Planning								
Major Capital Project >\$5M	1,000,000	9,000,000	10,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000	
Major Capital Project<\$5M	520,742	2,043,069				1,000,000	1,000,000	
Major Equipment	40,000	101,200	431,600	142,800	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Building Integrity and Minor Capital Grant	186,000	189,504	192,874	196,312	196,312	196,312	200,000	200,000
IT Projects Grant	298,717	272,657	255,996	70,668	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Administration	24,306	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Misc Expense	-							-
	\$ 2,069,765	\$ 11,636,430	\$ 10,910,470	\$ 439,780	\$ 676,312	\$ 6,676,312	\$ 6,680,000	\$ 680,000
NET ACCOUNT BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 12,086,173	\$ 5,562,993	\$ 0	\$ 4,907,697	\$ 9,578,862	\$ 8,250,027	\$ 6,917,504	\$ 11,584,981

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 84

Being a bylaw to adopt the Annual Budget for the year 2022 and the Provisional Annual Budget for the year 2023.

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

- 1. Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" 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, 2022 and the provisional Annual Budget for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- 2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Annual Budget Bylaw No. 84, 2022."

I hereby certify that	at this is a true copy	of Bylaw No.	84 as adopted.	
Chairperson Corporate Administrator				
ADOPTED this	day of	, 2022		
READ A THIRD T	TIME this	day of	, 2022	
READ A SECOND TIME this		day of	, 2022	
READ A FIRST TIME this		day of	, 2022	

Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District - 2022 Budget and 2023 Provisional Budget Schedule A - Bylaw 84, 2022 AS PROPOSED

,	2022 Budget		2023 Provisional Budg	
Surplus Carryforward	\$	12,086,173		5,562,993
Grant In Lieu of Taxes		9,500		9,500
Taxation		5,103,750		5,337,977
Interest		132,369		41,722
Total	\$	17,199,423	\$	10,910,470
Business Planning				
Major Capital Project >\$5M		9,000,000		10,000,000
Major Capital Project<\$5M		2,043,069		
Major Equipment		101,200		431,600
Building Integrity and Minor Capital Grant		189,504		192,874
IT Projects Grant		272,657		255,996
Administration		30,000		30,000
Misc Expense				
	\$	11,636,430	<u>\$</u>	10,910,470
NET ACCOUNT BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	5,562,993	\$	0

Schedule B Bylaw 84, 2022 as proposed

Major Capital Projects Approved and Continuing:

Stuart Lake Hospital	Fort St. James	\$ 20,000,000
Stuart Nechako Manor	Vanderhoof	\$ 2,000,000
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Major Capital Projects Funded:

2022	Current Year		Pre	Previous Years	
Stuart-Nechako Manor	Vanderhoof	\$	2,000,000		
Stuart Lake Hospital	Fort St. James	\$	10,000,000	\$	1,000,000
St. John Hospital Ultrasound	Vanderhoof	\$	101,200		
Burns Lake Nurses Residence Heating Controls	Burns Lake	\$	43,069		
		\$	12,144,269		
2023 Stuart Lake Hospital	Fort St. James	\$	9,000,000		
		\$	9,000,000		



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Via email: c/o cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca

Jerry Petersen, Chair Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District 37 3rd Ave PO Box 820 Burns Lake BC V0J 1E0

Dear Jerry Petersen:

Thank you for your letter of July 15, 2021, in which you expressed the need to update the *Hospital District Act* (the Act). I apologize for the delayed response.

There have been several requests by different regional hospital districts (RHDs) for review and amendment to the Act to clarify several issues, including those listed in your letter.

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) recognizes that some provisions are obsolete or are often not being followed in practice, and amendments would improve clarity and consistency in applying the Act and its regulations. The Ministry will proceed with amendments to the Act when the legislative agenda permits and will consult with all RHDs for their input as part of the amendment process. A session at a future UBCM convention might be an effective way to carry out consultations, as it would allow individual RHDs to provide specific input.

RHDs are key partners in funding local healthcare infrastructure. The financial contributions of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District (SNRHD) are very much appreciated. I commend the SNRHD for working collaboratively with Northern Health, and for its efforts to improve the legislative framework.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Adrian Dix Minister

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