

Thursday, July 17, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Board Room  
155 George Street  
Prince George, BC

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Pages

1. Call to Order

We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

*THAT the Regional Hospital District Board agenda for July 17, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 May 22, 2025 Regional Hospital District Board Meeting Minutes

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Recommendation:

*THAT the Minutes of the Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on May 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

4. Chairperson's Report

5. Reports

5.1 Minor Capital and Building Integrity Grants

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Purpose: Consider Authorizing Release of Annual Minor Capital and Building Integrity Grants to the Northern Health Authority

Attachments:

1. Letter dated June 17, 2025 from the Northern Health Authority
2. Capital Grant Application Form
3. 2024 Minor Capital Funding Summary
4. 2024 Building Integrity Funding Summary

Recommendation:

*1. THAT the report dated July 4, 2025 regarding "Minor Capital and Building Integrity Grants" be received for information.*

Recommendation:

*2. THAT the release of the 2025 Minor Capital Grant of \$1,120,400 to the Northern Health Authority be approved.*

Recommendation:

*3. THAT the release of the 2025 Building Integrity Grant of \$100,000 to the Northern Health Authority be approved.*

- 6. Correspondence
  - 6.1 Letter dated May 20, 2025, from Northern Regional Hospital Districts,  
regarding: Hospital District Act Legislative Reform 13
- 7. New Business
- 8. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRASER-FORT GEORGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 IN THE BOARDROOM, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

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Directors Present: Director K. Sampson, Vice-Chairperson  
Director D. Alan  
Director L. Beckett  
Director K. Dunphy  
Director B. Empey  
Director A. Kaehn  
Director J. Kirk  
Director V. Mobley  
Director C. Ramsay (out at 10:43 a.m.)  
Director G. Runtz (remote)  
Director B. Skakun  
Director S. Yu

Directors Absent: Director J. Atkinson  
Director O. Torgerson

Staff Present: C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer  
M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services  
K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services  
A. Singh, Manager of Legislative Services

Minutes Recorded and Produced by: B. Bowes, Clerk Typist III/Reception

Media: Colin Slark, Prince George Citizen

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**1. Call to Order**

The Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

The Regional District acknowledged the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

The Vice-Chairperson proceeded to do a roll call of Directors to confirm those attending remotely and those attending in person in the Boardroom.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Ramsay  
Seconded by Beckett

*THAT the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board agenda for May 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 April 17, 2025 Regional Hospital District Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Empey

*THAT the Minutes of the Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on April 17, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

**4. Chairperson's Report**

The Vice-Chairperson provided an overview of the annual spring meeting between the Regional Hospital Districts in the Northern Health region and Northern Health, where there were discussions regarding capital projects throughout the region, the Hospital Districts' relationship with Northern Health, and the current legislation.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson recently met with the MLAs from the B.C. Conservatives caucus and discussed the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District's position and funding capacity with the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC) Acute Care Tower project and the current legislation.

The Vice-Chair participated in an advocacy meeting with Minister Osborne, Ministry of Health, Minister Ma, Ministry of Infrastructure, and Premier Eby to discuss the UHNBC Acute Care Tower and Parkade projects.

The Regional Hospital Districts in the Northern Health Region participated in an advocacy meeting with Minister Ma, Ministry of Infrastructure, to discuss the concerns and challenges the Regional Hospital Districts face, most notably the current funding model.

The Vice-Chair responded to queries from Directors regarding localized workforce, the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the procurement process, and how to support people moving to the community for health care employment.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns for issues with the design and structure of the UHNBC Acute Care Tower, and the need for a medical professional to be consulted during the design phase.

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Kirk

*THAT the Board direct Administration to prepare and facilitate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Regional Hospital District partners that outlines joint advocacy priorities that will be led by the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District as the largest Regional Hospital District in the north.*

CARRIED

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 361, 2025 – UHNBC Echo-Cardiac Services Department Upgrade**

Discussion ensued regarding the Board's desire for more extensive breakdowns of project costs, and what portion of each project is the Regional Hospital District expected to fund.

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Beckett

*THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 361, 2025 be now introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Alan

*THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 361, 2025 be adopted.*

CARRIED

**6. New Business**

Director S. Yu asked Administration to follow up with the Ministry of Infrastructure to confirm if the UHNBC Acute Care Tower is considered a category 1 project or a category 2 project under the *Bill 15 - 2025 Infrastructure Projects Act*.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by Kaehn  
Seconded by Yu

*THAT the meeting be adjourned - 10:48 a.m.*

*CARRIED*

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Chair

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General Manager of Legislative and  
Corporate Services



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REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
DISTRICT**

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**REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION**

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Sarah White, General Manager of Financial Services

DATE: July 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Minor Capital and Building Integrity Grants

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Authorizing Release of Annual Minor Capital and Building Integrity Grants to the Northern Health Authority

Attachments:

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2. Capital Grant Application Form
3. 2024 Minor Capital Funding Summary
4. 2024 Building Integrity Funding Summary

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. THAT the report dated July 4, 2025 regarding "Minor Capital and Building Integrity Grants" be received for information.
2. THAT the release of the 2025 Minor Capital Grant of \$1,120,400 to the Northern Health Authority be approved.
3. THAT the release of the 2025 Building Integrity Grant of \$100,000 to the Northern Health Authority be approved.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All Weighted	Majority
All Weighted	Majority

**ISSUE(S):**

The Northern Health Authority (NHA) has submitted their request for the 2025 Minor Capital Grant and Building Integrity Grant.

The Board is being asked to consider:

- approving release of the Minor Capital Grant; and
- approving release of the Building Integrity Grant.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The requested amounts of \$1,120,400 for the Minor Capital Grant and \$100,000 for the Building Integrity Grant have both been approved in the Regional Health District's (RHD) 2025 operating budget.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

N/A

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendations.

- Minor Capital Grant in the amount of \$1,120,400 will be released to the NHA.
- Building Integrity Grant in the amount of \$100,000 will be released to the NHA.

Other Options:

- a. Do not approve recommendations:
  - Funding for the Minor Capital Grant will not be released.
  - Funding for the Building Integrity Grant will not be released.
- b. Postpone decision if additional information is required.

**COMMENTS:**

Historically, the RHD has provided funding for minor projects and equipment costing under \$100,000 on an individual basis. Since 1999, this has been in the form of a “minor equipment or minor capital grant”, now called a “Minor Capital Grant”, to the NHA with the requirement that the Minor Capital Grant be utilized only for facilities within the RHD boundaries and that they provide a report each year detailing what was purchased with the grant and for what facilities.

Building Integrity Grant funds are utilized to assist with building repairs for facilities within the RHD boundaries and a report will be provided each year detailing how the funding was spent and for what facilities.

The annual reports outlining the spending of Minor Capital and Building Integrity funding for the 2024 fiscal year (March 31, 2025 fiscal year-end for the NHA) are attached for additional background.

Respectfully submitted,

**“Sarah White”**

Sarah White  
General Manager of Financial Services

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June 17, 2025

Sarah White, CPA, CGA  
Acting General Manager of Financial Services  
Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District  
155 George Street  
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8

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**RE: Funding Request – Capital Grant**

Dear Ms. White,

Please find enclosed a Capital Grant Application Form on behalf of Northern Health requesting a total of \$1,220,400 from the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District for 2025.

The items included in this grant request are

- Minor Capital Grant - \$1,120,400
- Minor Building Integrity - \$100,000

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



Sincerely,

Rob Saro, B.Comm, CPA, CGA  
Regional Manager, Capital Accounting

Cc: Mike Hoefer, ED Capital Planning, Facilities Operations and Logistics  
Gregg Marr, Senior Operating Officer

**Northern Health**

**Capital Grant Application Form**

(This form applies to annual Capital Grants only and should not be used for capital projects where borrowing applies)

Regional Hospital District Requested From	Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District
Date Requested	17-Jun-25
Fiscal Year of Grant	2025
Information Technology Grant Requested	
Minor Capital Grant Requested	\$1,120,400
Building Integrity (Minor)	\$100,000
Total Grants Requested	\$1,220,400

On behalf of Northern Health, I certify that the above capital grant request is in accordance with the Northern Health's Board approved capital plan for the year ending March 31, 2026.

I agree to forward a detailed report itemizing funds spent, in accordance with the agreed plan, on a quarterly basis.

On behalf of Northern Health

**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Period Date: **March 31,2025**
**Minor Capital < \$100,000**
**Budget Total:**
**Expense Total:**
**Variance:**

FUNDING SOURCES					Actual Expenditures	Committed (Spent)
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total		
<b>\$1,020,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$122,250</b>	<b>\$313,382</b>	<b>\$2,555,632</b>	<b>\$1,956,087</b>	<b>\$2,506,422</b>
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\$970,791	\$1,100,000	\$122,250	\$313,382	\$2,506,422		
<b>\$49,209</b>		<b>\$1</b>		<b>\$49,210</b>		

Capital Expenditures
**2025**
**Minor Capital < \$100,000**

UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662580003	Software - CADstream (for Breast Coil)	\$3,194		\$45,618		\$48,812	48,812	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590006	VAC Ultra Therapy Unit		\$25,884			\$25,884	25,884	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590007	Ultrasound - Portable	\$59,318				\$59,318	59,318	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590015	CRRT Machine (Continuous Renal Replace		\$118,635			\$118,635	118,635	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590016	Disinfector - Probe		\$11,845			\$11,845	11,845	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590017	Ultra Sound Machine - Venue R4		\$53,925			\$53,925	53,925	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590019	Bed - ProCuity X2 (Surgery South)		\$38,396			\$38,396	38,396	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590020	Bed - ProCuity X2 (Surgery North)		\$38,396			\$38,396	38,396	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590021	Bed - ProCuity X2 (Rehab Unit)		\$38,396			\$38,396	38,396	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590022	Bed - ProCuity X2 (IMU)		\$42,580			\$42,580	42,580	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590023	Bed - ProCuity X2 (FMU)		\$38,396			\$38,396	38,396	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590028	Bed - Progressa ICU X3		\$179,230			\$179,230	179,230	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590045	PFT Machine		\$62,517			\$62,517	62,517	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590056	Light - Cold Fountain Power	\$12,928				\$12,928	12,928	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590065	Insufflator	\$15,649				\$15,649	15,649	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590080	Table - Surgical X4	\$94,701			\$122,794	\$217,495	217,495	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590084	Autotransfusion System		\$53,812			\$53,812	53,812	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590085	Defibrillator X2 (Emerg Dept)		\$48,854			\$48,854	48,854	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590087	Ventilator - MRI Capable		\$71,758			\$71,758	71,758	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590088	Defibrillator (ICU)		\$26,208			\$26,208	26,208	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590091	Analyzer - Gas Flow		\$19,431		\$588	\$20,019	20,019	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590107	Camera Head - Urology X2	\$68,147				\$68,147	68,147	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590109	Microdebrider	\$52,074				\$52,074	52,074	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590114	Warmer - Infant X3	\$6,507	\$23,136		\$93,220	\$122,863	122,863	Completed
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590122	Generator	\$17,876				\$17,876	17,876	Completed
McBride & District Hospital N662590005	Bed - Bariatric	\$11,530		\$13,000		\$24,530	24,530	Completed
Parkside Intermediate Care Home N662590032	Oven - Combi - Gas	\$43,582				\$43,582	43,582	Completed
Jubilee Lodge N662590076	Chair - Lift Hygiene X2	\$24,619				\$24,619	24,619	Completed
Rainbow Lodge N662590029	Rhapsody Still Bath & Alenti Hygiene Chair	\$35,937				\$35,937	35,937	Completed
Rainbow Lodge N662590090	Scanner - Bladder	\$21,565				\$21,565	21,565	Completed
NI Community Services-FFG N662590010	ActiVac - Wound Therapy Device - X2	\$48,533				\$48,533	48,533	Completed
Count:: 31	<b>Completed Total</b>	<b>\$516,158</b>	<b>\$891,400</b>	<b>\$58,618</b>	<b>\$216,602</b>	<b>\$1,682,778</b>	<b>1,682,778</b>	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662580001	BD Pyxis UHNBC AD License Tier Increase	\$13,819				\$13,819		Ordered
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662580002	Ascent Upgrade	\$12,953				\$12,953		Ordered

Fund Budget Reconciliation

<u>Capital Expenditures</u>		Year(s): 2025
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590030	Recycler - Solvent	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590058	Analyzer - Immunoassay (\$1 per contract)	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590086	Stretcher X8	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590089	Bed - Bariatric	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590115	Analyzer - Coagulation (\$1 per contract)	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590119	Bed - ProCuity X2	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590126	Beds - Acute Care X2 (FMU)	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590127	Beds - Acute Care X2 (IMU)	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590128	Beds - Acute Care X2 (SSMU)	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590129	Beds - Acute Care X2 (SURGERY NORTH	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590130	Beds - Acute Care X2 (SURGERY SOUTH	
McBride & District Hospital N662590132	Bed X2 (ProCuity)	
Mackenzie & District Hospital N662590125	Analyzer - Immunoassay (\$1 per contract)	
Gateway Retirement Community ( N662590082	Dryer - Industrial X2	
Gateway Retirement Community ( N662590154	Dishwasher - Under Counter	
Valemount Health Centre N662590124	Centrifuge - Non refrigerated	
Surgery Centre (PG) N662590118	Mini C-Arm	
Count:: 19	<b>Ordered Total</b>	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N6625N0005	Repair to Laundry Main Doors	
Count:: 1	<b>Tsf to Operating Total</b>	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590001	PG Renovations 2024/25 Contingency	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590002	UHNBC OR 2024/25 Contingency	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590033	Scale - Pediatric & Portable	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590063	Microdebrider X4	
Count:: 4	<b>Cancelled Total</b>	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor N662590123	Installation for Tote Washer (File N6624900	
McBride & District Hospital N662590004	McBride/RV 2024/25 Contingency	
Mackenzie & District Hospital N662590003	Mackenzie 2024/25 Contingency	
Count:: 3	<b>In Progress Total</b>	
<b>Minor Capital &lt; \$100,000 Total</b>		
'Approved' Count:: 0	Count:: 58	<b>Report Total</b>
'On Hold' Count:: 0		
'Ordered' Count:: 19		
'Completed' Count:: 31		

FUNDING SOURCES					Period Date:	March 31,2025	
MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation /Other	Opening Cash /Deferred /Internal	Total	Expenditures to Date		File Status
	\$42,374			\$42,374	32,323	Ordered	
		\$10,785		\$10,785	10,786	Ordered	
	\$110,378			\$110,378		Ordered	
	\$55,848			\$55,848		Ordered	
\$2,092		\$42,062		\$44,154		Ordered	
\$35,185				\$35,185	35,185	Ordered	
\$33,250				\$33,250	33,250	Ordered	
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\$33,250				\$33,250	33,250	Ordered	
\$33,250				\$33,250	33,250	Ordered	
\$25,910				\$25,910		Ordered	
\$3,740		\$10,785		\$14,525		Ordered	
\$26,992				\$26,992	28,764	Ordered	
\$10,602				\$10,602		Ordered	
\$14,152				\$14,152		Ordered	
			\$96,780	\$96,780		Ordered	
<b>\$311,695</b>	<b>\$208,600</b>	<b>\$63,632</b>	<b>\$96,780</b>	<b>\$680,706</b>	<b>273,309</b>		
\$12,857				\$12,857	12,857	sf to Operati	
<b>\$12,857</b>				<b>\$12,857</b>	<b>12,857</b>		
				\$0		Cancelled	
				\$0		Cancelled	
				\$0		Cancelled	
				\$0		Cancelled	
				<b>\$0</b>			
\$35,412				\$35,412		In Progress	
\$23,408				\$23,408		In Progress	
\$71,260				\$71,260		In Progress	
<b>\$130,080</b>				<b>\$130,080</b>			
<b>\$970,791</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$122,250</b>	<b>\$313,382</b>	<b>\$2,506,422</b>	<b>1,968,945</b>		
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**Fund Budget Reconciliation**

Period Date: **March 31,2025**
**BI - Building Integrity**
**Budget Total:**
**Expense Total:**
**Variance:**
**FUNDING SOURCES**

MOH	RHD	Aux/ Foundation	Opening Cash	Total	Actual Expenditures	Committed (Spent)
\$150,000	\$100,000	\$67,440	\$191,778	\$509,218	\$68,013	\$352,440
\$150,000	\$100,000	\$67,440	\$191,778	\$509,218	\$68,013	\$352,440
\$96,061		\$67,440	\$188,938	\$352,440		
\$53,939	\$100,000		\$2,840	\$156,778		

Capital Expenditures
**2025**
**BI - Building Integrity**

Laurier Manor (50)	N662540008	Make Up Air Unit (Kitchen Area)			\$67,440	\$573	\$68,013	68,013	Completed
	Count::	1	<b>Completed Total</b>		\$67,440	\$573	\$68,013	68,013	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor	N662540010	Install 2 new chilled water coils				\$82,095	\$82,095		Approved
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor	N662540011	Replace 33 Reliable VAV Controllers (Varia				\$79,936	\$79,936		Approved
	Count::	2	<b>Approved Total</b>			\$162,031	\$162,031		
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor	N6625N0004	Repair Stainless Steel Hot Water Tank		\$31,060			\$31,060	31,060	sf to Operati
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor	N6625N0008	Isolation Valve Replacements		\$17,124			\$17,124	17,124	sf to Operati
Valemount Health Centre	N6625N0003	Medical Gas Upgrade		\$32,512			\$32,512	32,512	sf to Operati
	Count::	3	<b>Tsf to Operating Total</b>		\$80,696		\$80,696	80,696	
UHNBC (University Hospital of Nor	N6625N0002	Replace Medical Vacuum Pumps x2 (Mech		\$15,365		\$26,334	\$41,699	35,367	Op In Prog
	Count::	1	<b>Tsf to Op In Progress Total</b>		\$15,365	\$26,334	\$41,699	35,367	
		<b>BI - Building Integrity Total</b>		\$96,061	\$67,440	\$188,938	\$352,440	184,077	
		<b>Report Total</b>		\$96,061	\$67,440	\$188,938	\$352,440	184,077	
'Approved' Count::	2	Count::	7						
'On Hold' Count::	0								
'Ordered' Count::	0								
'Completed' Count::	1								



Stuart-Nechako  
Regional Hospital District



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL  
HOSPITAL DISTRICT



May 20, 2025

The Honourable Bowinn Ma, MLA  
Minister of Infrastructure  
PO Box 9021 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2  
Via email: [INF.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:INF.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Ma:

On behalf of the Northern Regional Hospital Districts, we would like to thank you and your team for meeting with us on May 8. We appreciated the opportunity to voice our concerns on the current state of affordability and equity under the current *Hospital District Act* and the need to work together towards legislative reform of the *Act*.

As noted in the meeting, when compared to other areas in BC, the six northern regional hospital districts pay some of the highest requisition rates per average household. As a result, fairness for taxpayers across the province is in question. Northern communities are also dealing with industrial closures and cutbacks impacting the tax base and challenges to hospital service level provision due to smaller populations and large geographic areas.

The negotiation of regional hospital district contribution levels for priority capital investment projects is inconsistent across the province. Capital funding requests also continue to increase significantly each year, in addition to priority investment projects. Regional hospital districts feel they cannot say no to the provincial funding requests on capital projects that continue to significantly increase in cost, for fear of jeopardizing their region's healthcare services.

The Regional Hospital District model is outdated and increasingly unsustainable. The original legislation dates to 1967, and it does not reflect the reality of delivering healthcare in 2025. Technology is advancing faster, reinvestment is needed, and both equipment and facilities are far more complex and costly than ever before. Healthcare costs have escalated significantly, and they will continue to do so. The Province is in a spending wave and regional hospital districts and their taxpayers are being asked to pay for more, more often.

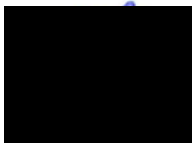
We look forward to upcoming discussions and appreciate the opportunity to work with the Ministry of Infrastructure staff to examine our funding and affordability concerns, and work towards the legislative reform of the *Hospital District Act*. As you indicated during the meeting, please have Deputy Minister Bobbi Plecas coordinate a staff meeting at your earliest convenience through:

Curtis Helgesen, CAO  
Stuart-Nechako  
Regional hospital District  
[curtis.helgesen@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:curtis.helgesen@rdbn.bc.ca)

and

Chris Calder, CAO  
Fraser-Fort George  
Regional Hospital District  
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Sincerely,



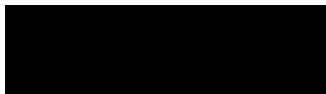
Barry Pages, Chair  
North West  
Regional Hospital District



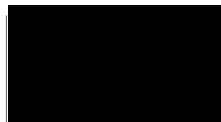
Judy Greenaway, Chair  
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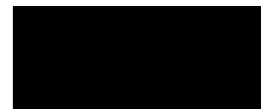
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