

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRASER-FORT GEORGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024 IN THE BOARDROOM, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

Directors Present: Director J. Atkinson, Chairperson
Director D. Alan
Director L. Beckett
Director K. Dunphy (remote)
Director B. Empey
Director A. Kaehn
Director J. Kirk
Director V. Mobley (remote)
Director C. Ramsay
Director G. Runtz (remote)
Director K. Sampson
Director B. Skakun (remote)
Director O. Torgerson
Director S. Yu

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
S. White, General Manager of Financial Services
L. Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services
S. Rich, Supervisor of Information Technology

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

Media: There were no media in attendance.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m.

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

The 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 Beckett
Seconded by Sampson

THAT the agenda for the December 19, 2024 Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 November 21, 2024 Regional Hospital District Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the Minutes of the Regional Hospital District Board meeting held on November 21, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chairperson's Report

4.1 Northern Health and Regional Hospital Districts Joint Fall Meeting October 7, 2024

Discussion ensued regarding the Regional Hospital District's current relationship with Northern Health, the challenges faced by other Regional Hospital Districts, and public awareness of the work of the Fraser-Fort George Hospital District Board.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Yu

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 from the Chairperson and PowerPoint Presentations regarding "Northern Health and Regional Hospital Districts Joint Fall Meeting October 7, 2024", be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 2024 Year to Date Capital Spending and Commitment Summary Report

S. White, General Manager of Financial Services, provided an overview of the report including an update on capital spending and commitments, total project funding, funding requests, and the funding cap.

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to queries from Directors regarding funding caps on major projects and the importance of requested project funding.

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 regarding "2024 Year to Date Capital Spending and Commitment Summary Report" be received for information.

CARRIED

5.2 2025 – 2029 Provisional Budget

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to a query from a Director regarding grants-in-lieu of property taxes.

Moved by Yu
Seconded by Alan

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 and Schedule "A", Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District 2025 to 2029 Provisional Budget be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Empey

THAT the 2025 to 2029 Provisional Budget for the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District, as attached to the report dated December 9, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

5.3 Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 – UHNBC Lab Hematology Renovations Phase 2A

S. White responded to queries from Directors regarding decommitted funds in 2024, RHD funding percentages of total project costs and risks of delaying funding for capital projects.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 regarding "Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 – UHNBC Lab Hematology Renovations Phase 2A" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Alan

THAT consideration of Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 357, 2024 – UHNBC Lab Hematology Renovations be postponed to the January 2025 Regional Hospital District meeting.

CARRIED

Directors Atkinson, Sampson, Ramsay opposed

Further discussion ensued. C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer and S. White, General Manager of Financial Services, responded to queries from the Board regarding restrictions on 2025 funding cap and Northern Health's fiscal year end.

5.4 Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 358, 2024 – PGO Specialist Clinic Tenant Improvements

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to a query from Director regarding long-term ownership and operation of the PGO Specialist Clinic.

Moved by Beckett
Seconded by Sampson

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 regarding "Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 358, 2024 – PGO Specialist Clinic Tenant Improvements" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Beckett
Seconded by Sampson

THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 358, 2024 be now introduced and given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

Director Alan opposed

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 358, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

Director Alan opposed

5.5 Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 359, 2024 – UHNBC Nuclear Medicine Hawkeye Replacement

S. White, General Manager of Financial Services, responded to queries from Directors regarding the funding process, reserve funds and the future of unused decommitment funds.

Moved by Empey
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 regarding "Proposed Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 359, 2024 – UHNBC Nuclear Medicine Hawkeye Replacement" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Alan

THAT consideration of Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 359, 2024 – UHNBC Nuclear Medicine Hawkeye Replacement be postponed to the January 2025 Regional Hospital District meeting.

DEFEATED

Discussion ensued regarding options to utilize decommitment funds and the funding cap for 2025. C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to queries from the Board.

Moved by Yu
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 359, 2024 be now introduced and given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Kirk

THAT Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 359, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the requested \$862,000 for the 2025 portion of Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 359, 2024 – UHNBC Nuclear Medicine Hawkeye Replacement be paid in full using decommitted funds realized during 2024.

CARRIED

Director Sampson opposed

5.6 Regional Hospital District Advocacy Update

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the report dated December 9, 2024 regarding "Regional Hospital District Advocacy Update" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Beckett
Seconded by Sampson

THAT Administration be authorized to send a joint letter from the northern Regional Hospital Districts to the newly appointed Minister of Health to request a meeting to discuss the significant increase in capital funding requests and the financial challenges that northern Regional Hospital District's face.

CARRIED

6. **Adjournment**

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the meeting be adjourned - 10:41 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services

UNADOPTED